

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Selendang Ayu

SITREP #: 25

SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

LEDGER CODE: 14142160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang-Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM December 25, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM December 26, 2004.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: IFO 380 and/or diesel fuel. As of 12/13, the revised estimates of original amounts of fuel on board the vessel are 424,000 gallons of IFO 380 (Intermediate Fuel Oil) and 18,000 gallons of diesel. A fuel tank holding an estimated 40,131 gallons of fuel ruptured when the vessel broke apart. Other tanks are believed to be leaking. Actual amount of spilled fuel is unknown.

LOCATION: The vessel's position is at 53° 38' 04" N, 167° 07' 30" W on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape. This site is approximately 25 miles in a direct line or 50 sea miles from Dutch Harbor.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Coast Guard reported at 7:14 PM, December 8, 2004 that the vessel had broken in half.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ayu Navigation Snd, Bhd, Port Klang, Malaysia. The operator is IMC Shipping.

RESPONSE ACTIONS: The response vessels are operating in the spill area and are continuing with oil recovery, shoreline cleanup and wildlife recovery operations, weather permitting. The vessels Redeemer and Joshua are currently repairing and re-anchoring segments of boom in sensitive areas that have been dislodged by ice and weather. Several overflights were conducted yesterday. Weather permitting, additional overflights are scheduled today to assess shoreline, wildlife impacts and vessel status. 186 bags of oily waste were collected yesterday by shoreline cleanup crews. The waste bags will be stored within secondary containment until they can be transferred to the shore-based interim waste storage facility for final disposal.

The communications equipment from the US Forest Service (USFS) is at Dutch Harbor and technicians are testing the system prior to actual deployment and installation of the repeater stations. The system will provide communications between the Incident Command Post at Dutch Harbor and on-scene response vessels.

The SERVS on-water recovery system, "the Current Buster," and the two Marko II skimming systems with trained crews have arrived in Dutch Harbor. Vessels are being mobilized to support the Current Buster skimming system. The Marko skimmers will be supported by the barge Kashega and are intended for use in Skan Bay.

The Alaska Regional Response Team has approved the application for the use of dispersants. Dispersant application systems are being dispatched from Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. (CISPRI), and 16 drums of dispersants are en route from Texas.

Salvage and Lightering Operations:

Salvors are preparing the vessel for lightering operations which may begin as early as December 28th, weather permitting. Yesterday, a four-man team was airlifted to the stern section by a Coast Guard helicopter. The team began clearing the top of the pilothouse and rear deck area which will serve as a landing platform for small helicopters to deliver equipment and personnel. The deck space will accommodate the lightering tanks. The heavy lift helicopter en route from the lower 48 arrived in Cordova yesterday, and is scheduled to arrive in Dutch Harbor on Sunday (December 26th).

Vessel Status: The bow section of the vessel has sunk and is listing severely, with just the forepeak of the vessel above water. The Unified Command sees little likelihood that any substantial quantity of fuel oil remains in the number one centerline tank. At this time, there is no way to access the tank and verify the status. The stern section of the vessel (which was previously listing to one side) has now leveled off, attributable to further hull damage and further settling of the vessel.

Spill Trajectory: An overflight yesterday scanned the area from north Unalaska Island to Bogoslof Island for any oil on the surface, especially at convergence zones. No oil was observed.

Wildlife: Bird capture and recovery continues to be an objective. Recovered wildlife carcasses to date include 40 birds and one sea otter. Sixteen additional bird carcasses were observed yesterday by a shoreline crew, but the crew was unable to recover the carcasses due to impending weather. The vessel Norseman is expected to be underway on Sunday to assist with wildlife capture and remove oiled wildlife carcasses from the food chain. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Research Vessel Tiglax is underway to Dutch Harbor to perform NRDA pre-assessment work.

Commercial Fishery: The Unified Command approved a water quality assessment program to determine the degree and extent of oil impact. A fisheries management work group continues to evaluate upcoming commercial fishery openings based on scientific information regarding the presence and distribution of oil. The Alaskan Lady departed for the Makushin Fishing District yesterday to initiate sampling operations. Thirty crab pots and viscous oil snare will be placed in Makushin and Skan Bays to determine if any oil contamination exists on the bottom or in the water column. The captured crabs will be analyzed to determine if there is any intake of oil in their systems. Information collected will aid ADFG in determining whether or not to close the upcoming local tanner crab fishery scheduled for January 15th.

Staffing: Six ADEC staff and one ADEC term contractor are currently in Dutch Harbor, and additional State spill response staff in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau are actively engaged in supporting the response. Numerous members of other state agencies are also involved with this effort including ADNRR, ADFG, and the State Attorney General's Office. Several DEC term contractors have also been activated to support the response effort.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time. See Salvage and Lightering Operations paragraph.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, sea birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. ADF&G and USFWS are assessing the areas impacted. The protection of cultural resources continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Safety of response personnel remains the highest priority for the Unified Command. Protection of sensitive areas continues to be a major priority as well. Shoreline cleanup and on-water recovery operations are planned, weather permitting. Wildlife surveys, capture, collection and rehabilitation are also continuing as weather permits. A winter operations plan is under development by the Planning Section. Public meetings with community and tribal entities continue to be held on a daily basis at City Hall.

WEATHER: Rain and areas of fog, high around 40° F, low tonight near 37° F; S wind 35 knots decreasing to 20 knots tonight; seas 4 feet. Sunday: Rain showers, high around 40° F; N wind 35 knots, seas 15 feet.

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Photographs, press releases and other spill information are available at: <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/selendang>

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