

**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 #:** 27

**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 27, 2004.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 1:00 PM December 28, 2004.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The revised estimate of fuel on board the vessel is 424,000 gallons of intermediate fuel oil (IFO 380) and 18,000 gallons of marine diesel oil. The midsection fuel tank ruptured when the vessel broke apart and released an estimated 40,131 gallons of IFO 380. The Unified Command also believes there is a low probability that any substantial amount of fuel remains in the forward centerline IFO fuel tank (original estimated volume was 176,473 gallons). The status of other fuel tanks is unknown at this time. The actual amount of spilled fuel is also 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:** Today's operations will focus on continuing with shoreline cleanup and wildlife recovery operations, weather permitting. No overflights were conducted yesterday due to poor weather conditions. Weather permitting, additional overflights are scheduled today to assess shoreline, wildlife impacts and vessel status. The Current Buster skimming system will be predeployed in Dutch Harbor today for testing and to train operators. It will be transported to the spill area tomorrow for deployment. 622 bags of oily waste were collected yesterday by shoreline cleanup crews working in the northern sections of Skan and Portage Bays. The grand total of bags collected to date is 1049.

**Salvage and Lightering Operations:**

Today salvors will continue preparing the vessel for lightering operations, which may begin on December 28<sup>th</sup>, if weather permits helicopter access to the vessel. The top of the pilothouse and rear deck area 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 is presently at King Salmon, and is scheduled to arrive in Dutch Harbor today, weather permitting.

**Vessel Status:** As of December 25, the bow section of the vessel had sunk and was 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.

**Wildlife:** Bird capture and recovery continues to be an objective. Recovered wildlife carcasses to date include 41 birds and one sea otter. There have been 22 live birds captured and 643 oiled birds observed. A total of 6 birds have been released from Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center (IBRRC). Wildlife personnel are trying to recover as much affected wildlife as possible but weather conditions have made shoreline

access unsafe. Thus far, the highest observed concentrations of affected wildlife appeared to be in Skan and Anderson Bays, subject to prevailing weather conditions.

**Commercial Fishery:** The Unified Command met with the fisheries management work group today to discuss the results of the sampling effort of the F/V Alaskan Lady. Some oil smears were found on a few of the pots pulled from the Skan and Makushin Bay area. Today, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game issued a fishery closure for the area. Closure of this area will specifically affect that portion of the upcoming Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab (*C. bairdi*) fishery planned for the Makushin/Skan Bay area beginning January 15, 2005. Also closed will be fishing in these state waters for Pacific cod, black rockfish and other groundfish species that would otherwise have been open on January 1, 2005. The Makushin/Skan Bay area will remain closed to all commercial fishing until further notice, pending monitoring and assessment indicating that the threat of contamination is eliminated. The closed area may be enlarged if the threat of contamination expands to adjacent bays and fishing grounds. Additional information will be posted on the ADEC website as it is received.

**Staffing:** Six ADEC staff, one ADEC term contractor, and several other State responders are currently in Dutch Harbor. 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. The first draft of the winter operations plan is completed and undergoing review. Public meetings with community and tribal entities continue to be held on a daily basis at City Hall.

**WEATHER:** Isolated snow or rain showers during the day, no precipitation tonight; high around 36° F, low tonight near 33° F; NW wind 30 knots diminishing to NW 20 knots in the afternoon, and tonight NW 15 knots becoming E 15 knots; seas 9 feet today decreasing to 6 feet tonight. Tuesday: No precipitation, high and low near 36° F; SE wind 20 knots increasing to SE 35 knots in the evening; seas 5 feet increasing to 8 feet in the evening.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

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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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