

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 #: 32

SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

LEDGER CODE: 14142160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang-Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, 2004 on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM January 1, 2005

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 2, 2005

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: Two helicopter overflights were conducted to survey Makushin and Skan Bays and a fixed wing (Grumman Goose) overflight was conducted from Kashega Bay to Makushin Bay and along Umnak Island. No oil was observed on Umnak Island and no oil sheens were observed on the open sea. Two overflights examined the wreck. One flight observed no sheens, the other observed a small amount of light sheen coming from the wreck. A Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) surveyed one shoreline segment on Skan Bay (SKN-14). Beach Cleanup Crews recovered 1,505 more bags of oil and oily debris bringing the total to 5,191 bags or about 86 cubic yards. Please access the Unified Command website for new photographs of the beach cleanup operations.

The C-130 arrived in Dutch Harbor with dispersant application equipment. The CurrentBuster skimming system remains aboard the M/V Western Viking in Dutch Harbor. It is scheduled to be moved to the spill area today.

Salvage and Lightering Operations:

Lightering equipment including pumps, generators, an emergency safety and life support conex and tools were transported to the M/V Selendang Ayu yesterday. The equipment must then be rigged and access holes drilled and fittings installed ("Hot Taps") on the tanks before lightering. Forecast bad weather may further delay lightering.

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 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. Neither salvage crews working on the wreck nor overflights made since the 28th have noted any significant change in the vessel's status.

Wildlife: 98 bird carcasses, one oiled sea otter carcass, and one sea otter skeleton (cause of death unknown) were recovered yesterday. Recovered wildlife carcasses now total 246 birds and three sea otters. 2 more live oiled birds were captured bringing the total to 24. Live oiled wildlife observed include 726 oiled birds and 12 oiled harbor seals (US Fish and Wildlife Service). 6 rehabilitated birds have been released from Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center.

Commercial Fishery: A Tanner Crab fishery in the immediate spill area, between Cape Kovrizhka and Spray Cape, has been closed to commercial fishing. All other Alaskan commercial fisheries, including the Unalaska tanner crab, Bering Sea snow crab, and Bering Sea/Aleutians pacific cod fisheries, are currently unaffected by the spill. The F/V Alaskan Lady is continuing to be utilized for fisheries water quality monitoring in areas adjacent to the spill area with a trip to Akutan Island scheduled today. See the Unified Command website for fisheries fact sheets and particulars on this one closure.

Staffing: Six ADEC staff, three ADEC term contractors, 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 ADNR, 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, marine 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 second draft of the winter operations plan is completed and undergoing review. Public meetings are now being held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

WEATHER: Today: Rain. Highs in the mid 40s. Southeast wind 20 to 30 mph with gust to 50 mph. Winds becoming southwest 20 to 35 mph in the afternoon. Tonight: Rain likely. Lows in the mid 30s. South wind 30 to 45 mph. Sunday, January 2nd, Rain. Highs in the lower 40s. Southwest wind 25 to 40 mph. Sunday night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. West wind 15 to 20 mph.

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UNIFIED COMMAND WEBSITE:

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

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