

**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 #:** 33

**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:** 1:00 PM January 2, 2005

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 1:00 PM January 3, 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:** Marginal flying conditions prevented extensive air operations. One flight over the vessel yesterday counted six tar balls and sheen coming from the stern of the M/V Selendang Ayu. Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCAT) surveyed one shoreline segment on Kof Point just above Skan Bay (KFP-9) and one segment in Makushin Bay (MKS-11). Beach Cleanup Crews recovered 139 more bags of oil and oily debris bringing the total to 5,330 bags or about 89 cubic yards. The M/V Western Viking with the CurrentBuster skimming system was moved to the spill area. Photos of the CurrentBuster, and beach cleanup operations are now on the Unified Command Website.

**Salvage and Lightering Operations:**

The starboard diesel tank was hot-tapped. The salvors estimate 1 ½ days work remains aboard the M/V Selendang Ayu before lightering can begin. Forecast adverse weather may 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 28<sup>th</sup> have noted any significant change in the vessel's status.

**Wildlife:** 29 bird carcasses, one oiled sea otter carcass, and one sea otter skeleton (cause of death unknown) were recovered yesterday. Recovered wildlife carcasses now total 275 birds and three sea otters. 24 live oiled birds have been recovered to date. 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 Alaska Lady is being utilized for fisheries water quality monitoring in areas adjacent to the spill area. 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: Wind advisory. Rain. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Southwest wind 30 to 50 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. West wind 15 to 25 mph. Monday, Snow likely. Lows in the upper 20s. West wind 20 to 30 mph. Monday night: Snow likely. Lows in the upper 20s. West wind 20 to 30 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

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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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