

**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 #:** 34

**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 3, 2005

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 1:00 PM January 4, 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:**

**On-water recovery:** No change in status from previous report. Marginal flying conditions prevented any overflight yesterday.

**Shoreline Cleanup:** No change in status from previous report. Beach Cleanup Crews were unable to conduct any cleanup activities yesterday due to poor weather. The total of oily waste collected remains at 5,330 bags or about 89 cubic yards. A Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) overflight departed January 3, 2005 for shoreline segments Humpback #12 and Volcano Bay #5. An ADEC presentation on beach cleanup is being made during a public meeting scheduled tonight.

**Salvage and Lightering Operations:**

Lightering was delayed due to weather yesterday. Lightering process may start on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday of this week. Weather conditions are predicted to improve this week.

**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 December 28, 2004 have noted any significant change in the vessel's status. The FOSSC is seeking verification plans of the #1 and #3 bow tank contents due to changes in the bow section's integrity. Complications with the tank's tubes have prevented this verification plan by the salvage crews.

**Wildlife:** 20 oiled bird carcasses and no additional live oiled birds were recovered yesterday, January 2, 2005. This brings the total numbers of dead birds recovered to 295. To date, 29 live oiled birds have been captured sent to be rehabilitated. Six of these have been released from Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center. No additional mammals were recovered yesterday. To date 3 sea otter carcasses including one skeleton (cause of death unknown) have been recovered.

**Commercial Fishery:** A meeting at 2:00 pm today will discuss the water sampling plan for the Unalaska Bay area and seek approval by the fisheries work group. Further discussion will be held to discuss any further sampling needs for upcoming fisheries. The F/V Alaskan Lady is enroute back to Dutch Harbor after conducting water quality monitoring around Akutan and Akun Islands and reports they found no oil from the sampling completed in these areas. The F/V Alaskan Lady will continue to sample the waters while enroute back to Dutch Harbor. See the Unified Command website for fisheries fact sheets and particulars on the Makushin district closure and the upcoming Bering Sea and Aleutians fisheries openers.

**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 is 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 final winter operations plan was approved by the Unified Command and ideas for the draft spring operations plan will begin today. A draft waste disposal plan was completed. Public meetings are now being held in Unalaska on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**WEATHER:** Today: Mostly cloudy, a chance of snow showers in the afternoon, highs in the mid 30s, west wind 10 to 20 mph. Tonight: Snow likely, Lows in the upper 20s, west wind 15 to 25 mph. Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, highs in the mid 30s, northwest wind 15 to 25 mph. Tuesday night: Partly cloudy, Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s, northwest wind 15 mph. Weather is predicted to improve for this week.

**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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