

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 #: 51

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 20, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 21, 2005.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Fuel on board the vessel at the time of this incident was 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 status of the centerline IFO fuel tanks #1 and #3 (originally estimated to contain 176,473 gallons and 104,448 gallons respectively) remains 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: Dependent on weather, today's response activities will include over flights, shoreline assessment/cleanup, vessel lightering, water quality sampling and wildlife recovery operations. The shoreline assessment team will survey areas in Anderson and Cannery Bays. Cleanup teams will be in Skan Bay (SKN 14), Portage Bay (PTN 4) and Humpback Bay (HMP 11). An ATV arrived at HMP 11 and will be used to move bags from the cleanup site to the vessels to improve efficiency. The protection group is assessing sites with protective booming and reconfiguring the boom to increase effectiveness and removing boom that is ineffective or no longer needed. The heavy lift helicopter has been repaired and the lightering team will resume pumping from the IFO # 4 port tank.

On-water Response: There was no change in the status on 1/19/05. The barge Kashoga with two Marco skimmers and the Current Buster system aboard the Western Viking vessel are on scene ready for deployment.

Shoreline Cleanup: On 1/19/05 shoreline cleanup crews worked in Skan Bay (SKN 14) Portage Bay (PTN 4) and Humpback Bay (HMP 11) and collected 1,766 bags of oily waste (29 cubic yards). To date, cleanup crews have collected 20,911 bags (348 cubic yards) of oily solid waste. The Shoreline Assessment Team (formerly named the Rapid Assessment Team) surveyed Makushin Bay (MKS 13-18), Cape Starichkov (KFB 2-17) and Portage Bay (PTS 1-9).

Salvage and Lightering Operations: On 1/19/05 the lightering team was unable to remove fuel due to mechanical problems with the heavy lift helicopter. The lightering team accessed IFO tank #3 center and will determine the condition and amount of fuel in the tank. The total volume lightered from the vessel to date is 43,991 gallons of IFO/water and 2,647 gallons of diesel for a total of 46,638 gallons of IFO/diesel.

Vessel Status: There was no change in the status on 1/19/05. On 1/5/05 the USCG reported that a hole was observed on the starboard bow immediately below the name Selendang Ayu. The stern section remains hard aground and has a 3-degree port side list.

Wildlife: On 1/19/05, the wildlife recovery team collected 98 bird carcasses. On 1/19/05 the USFWS reported that a total of 901 dead birds have been recovered. To date, 29 live oiled birds have been captured and sent for rehabilitation, 10 were later released, 17 died and 2 were euthanized. To date, 5 sea otter carcasses including two skeletons (cause of deaths unknown) have been recovered.

Commercial Fishery: On 1/19/05, water quality sampling continued in the Akutan and Unalaska areas. Net tows in the Unalaska transit zone, Akutan Bay, Beaver Inlet, the Dutch Harbor spit and Illuliuk Bay areas did not show any evidence of oiling.

To date, seafood inspections at Dutch Harbor processing plants have found all products free of oil contamination.

The opilio crab fishery in the Bering Sea closes at midnight tonight, and vessels will be returning to Dutch Harbor and Akutan for processing. The crab fleet left Dutch Harbor and Akutan on 1/13/05 and the fleet has not reported any incidents with tarballs thus far. The Unified Command has implemented an enhanced program to protect seafood quality. Shorelines were surveyed in Unalaska Bay and Captains Bay for tarballs and tar patties, vessels are using crab pots and tow nets to detect submerged oil, aerial surveys are checking for floating oil, and additional staff from the ADEC-Environmental Health seafood program are inspecting crab at Dutch Harbor and Akutan processors.

Staffing: Fourteen State staff and eight ADEC contractors are currently in Dutch Harbor, including eight ADEC seafood inspectors. Additional State spill response staff from ADEC, ADNDR, ADFG and the Attorney General's office outside of Dutch Harbor are actively engaged in supporting the response.

SOURCE CONTROL: On 1/3/05 lightering operations began on the stern section of the vessel and are ongoing as weather conditions permit. See Salvage and Lightering Operations paragraph.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, marine birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. The protection of cultural resources continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Safety of response personnel is the highest priority for the Unified Command. Continued water quality sampling, shoreline surveys, protection of sensitive areas, wildlife, shoreline cleanup, and lightering/salvage continue as weather permits. Development of the Spring/Summer Operations Plan. Public meetings are held in Unalaska on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

WEATHER: Today: Cloudy, temperatures low to mid 30s, east wind to 10 knots, and seas 2 feet.
Tomorrow: Cloudy, temperatures low to upper 30s, North to northwest wind 10-15 knots, seas 4-5 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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