

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 #: 26

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 26, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM December 27, 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. Several overflights were conducted yesterday, but were limited in duration due to weather. A small amount of oil sheen was observed around the vessel, and tarballs were observed in Humpback Bay. A response vessel was dispatched to try and recover the oil in Humpback Bay, but was unsuccessful. Weather permitting, additional overflights are scheduled today to assess shoreline, wildlife impacts and vessel status. 527 bags of oily waste were collected yesterday by shoreline cleanup crews working in the northern sections of Skan and Portage Bays. The waste bags are temporarily being stored on the vessels Serene and Polar Bear, and will be transported back to the shore-based interim waste storage facility.

Salvage and Lightering Operations:

Salvors are preparing the vessel for lightering operations which may begin as early as December 28th, weather permitting. Yesterday, a four-man team was airlifted to the stern section by a Coast Guard helicopter. The team began clearing the top of the pilothouse and rear deck area which 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. A commercial C-130 aircraft arrived yesterday with salvage gear.

Vessel Status: No change from yesterday. The bow section of the vessel has sunk and is 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 40 birds and one sea otter. One additional bird was captured yesterday. Two birds were released yesterday at Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center (IBRRC), bringing the total released to 6 birds. 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. The vessel Norseman is currently in Dutch Harbor and once on scene, will assist with wildlife capture and remove oiled wildlife carcasses from the food chain. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Research Vessel Tiglax is on scene performing NRDA pre-assessment work.

Commercial Fishery: The Unified Command will meet with the fisheries management work group tomorrow to discuss the commercial fishery status for the upcoming local tanner crab fishery. Yesterday, the crew of the F/V Alaskan Lady was able to deploy 26 crab pots and viscous oil snare throughout Skan and Makushin Bays, with some crab pots clustered in specific areas. They have begun pulling crab pots from the water in the inner bays and will be providing a complete report on their findings upon return to Dutch Harbor this evening. The crew will perform a field analysis to determine if there is any evidence of oil on the viscous snare or on the captured crabs. Information collected will aid ADFG in determining whether or not to close the upcoming local tanner crab fishery scheduled for January 15th. A pacific cod commercial fishery opening is also scheduled for January 15th.

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: Rain mixed with snow at times, scattered snow or rain showers tonight, high around 35° F, low tonight near 33° F; NE wind 25 knots increasing to N 40 knots; seas 10 feet. Monday: Scattered snow showers, high around 33° F; NW wind 30 knots diminishing to N 20 knots; seas 10 feet subsiding to 7 feet in the afternoon.

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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