

**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 #:** 29

**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 29, 2004.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 1:00 PM December 30, 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:** Adverse weather conditions today have cancelled all flights. Yesterday 760 more 40 pound bags of oil and oily debris were recovered and additional bags were tallied from previous activities bringing the total to 2,661 bags or about 44 cubic yards. Boom maintenance and reinforcement was performed in a number of areas in preparation for today's bad weather.

**Salvage and Lightering Operations:**

Yesterday salvors were able to remove the M/V Selendang Ayu's mast as well as other obstructions which would interfere with landing a helicopter on the vessel and sling loading of oil containers from the vessel. They were able to test land a Bell 212 Helicopter on the cleared area. Pumping equipment must be delivered to the vessel and other preparations must be made prior to actual lightering. Today's adverse weather will delay lightering until the end of the week or early next week, weather permitting.

An alternative staging area for oil removal support was approved by cultural resource specialists and awaiting approval by tribal entities.

**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.

**Wildlife:** Bird capture and recovery continues to be an objective. Recovered wildlife carcasses to date include 109 birds and one sea otter. 23 bird carcasses were recovered yesterday. There have been 22 live birds captured and 634 oiled birds observed, primarily by US Fish and Wildlife Service Personnel. A total of 6 birds have been released from Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center (IBRRC).

**Commercial Fishery:** Effective at 12:01 AM January 1, 2005, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commercial Fisheries Division will close state-waters between Cape Kovrizhka (53 degrees, 50.67 minutes N lat.;

167 degrees, 09 minutes W long.) and Spray Cape (53 degrees, 36.83 minutes N lat.; 167 degrees, 09.33 minutes W long.) to all commercial fishing. Additional information will be posted on the ADEC website as it is received.

**Staffing:** Six ADEC staff, two 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 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, 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:** Today: Wind advisory through tonight. Increasing clouds. A chance of rain west of Dutch Harbor in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s. Southeast wind increasing to 35 to 45 MPH by afternoon. Tonight: Rain. Lows in the upper 30s. south wind 35 to 50 MPH with gusts to 65 MPH by midnight. Thursday: Rain likely. Highs in the lower 40s. South wind diminishing to 20 to 30 MPH in the morning. Winds becoming light and variable 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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