ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Selendang Ayu
SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

SITREP #: 73
LEDGER CODE: 14142160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM on December 8, 2004 near Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape. The Coast Guard reported at 7:14 PM on December 8, 2004 that the vessel had broken in half.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM April 14, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM April 18, 2005

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The actual amount of fuel spilled is unknown. Total volume of fuel initially on board the vessel was approximately 446,280 gallons of intermediate fuel oil (IFO 380) and 31,573 gallons of marine diesel oil. An estimated 321,052 gallons of IFO 380 from the three centerline tanks and 14,680 gallons of marine diesel/miscellaneous oils have been released to the environment. The total estimated amount of all oils released to the environment is 335,732 gallons. These figures are estimates based on the most recent data available and are subject to change if new information is obtained.

LOCATION: The vessel wreck’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 air miles southwest or 50 nautical miles from Dutch Harbor.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel grounded and broke in half on the evening of December 8, 2004.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ayu Navigation Snd, Bhd, Port Klang, Malaysia. The operator is IMC Shipping.

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Helicopter SCAT (Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team) crews have been working to document oil in Makushin, Humpback, and Portage Bays. Vessel based SCAT crews are working in the Pumicestone Bay. The vessel based teams have a two (2) member cleanup crew assigned to recover tarballs as the area is assessed. If the cleanup is complete, the segment is then recommended for no further treatment (NFT).

To date, SCAT teams have surveyed 112 beach segments. Of these, 95 segments have been recommended for no further treatment. The majority of these segments (69) have been completed in Pumicestone Bay by the vessel-based teams. As previously noted, these beaches are receiving manual treatment in conjunction with the SCAT survey. Of these 69 Pumicestone Bay segments, two (2) have been recommended for additional manual treatment.

The weather in Unalaska improved on Monday and Tuesday of this week allowing helicopter SCAT teams to access beach segments in Humpback Bay and Portage Bay for assessment work. The helo-based teams will be working in Makushin Bay South and Portage Bay today, weather permitting. Several of these segments have been recommended for additional cleanup.

Land access agreements for land held by the St. George Tanaq Corporation were signed by both the Corporation and the Unified Command. This provides access for lands fifty-feet beyond the mean high water mark along the shoreline and any creeks in their lands.

Two (2) vessels assigned to Operations for berthing of cleanup crews have arrived in Dutch Harbor. The Mt. Mitchell has passed State inspection and is awaiting U.S. Coast Guard clearance. The Spirit of Glacier Bay is awaiting State and U.S. Coast Guard inspection.

Salvage Operations: The salvage team is in Dutch Harbor and will attempt further wreck assessment today.
Fisheries/Subsistence: An ADEC Environmental Health representative will coordinate with Dutch Harbor seafood processors to monitor seafood products as they are received.

The Unalaska Community Subsistence Forum was held on Friday evening and Saturday, April 8th and 9th. Father Michael Oleksa delivered the keynote address “Communicating Across Cultures: Subsistence and Science” at the opening reception on Friday evening. Saturday’s activities kicked off with a “Subsistence Fair” including a kid’s corner, arts and crafts displays, touch tank aquarium, video presentations, information on the spill response, and many other exhibits. This was followed by a community feast that included locally-harvested delicacies prepared using traditional methods and recipes. Interpretive beach walks and tours were conducted with a variety of experts in the afternoon, covering topics such as tidepooling, shoreline cleanup and assessment (SCAT), invertebrate ecology, medicinal plants, subsistence gathering, and hatcheries. Closing remarks and discussion were facilitated by Father Oleksa.

Staffing: Eight (8) ADEC Prevention and Emergency Response (PERP) and two (2) ADNR staff are currently in Dutch Harbor. Additional state personnel are expected to arrive April 19, 2005 to monitor cleanup operations.

SOURCE CONTROL: As of February 15, 2005, all accessible oil had been recovered from the stern section tanks. Lightering operations were completed before the Winter Operations concluded.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, marine birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. On February 10, the USFWS reported that a total of 1,606 dead birds had been recovered. Wildlife search and recovery teams may be activated for spring and summer if needed. The protection of cultural and subsistence resources continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Shoreline assessment will continue as weather allows. Cleanup operations are expected to resume on or about April 22, 2005.


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http://www.state.ak.us/dec/selendang

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