

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 #: 49

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 18, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 19, 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 Makushin Bay. Cleanup teams will be in Skan Bay (SKN 8, 14), Portage Bay (PTN 3) and Humpback Bay (HMP 11). The lightering team will resume pumping from the IFO # 4 port tank.

On-water Response: There was no change in the status on 1/17/05. The barge Kashega with two Marco skimmers and the Current Buster system aboard the Western Viking vessel are on scene ready for deployment.

Shoreline Cleanup: On 1/17/05 shoreline cleanup crews worked in Skan Bay (SKN 8, 14) and Humpback Bay (HMP 11). The crews collected 748 bags of oily waste (12 cubic yards) as a result of the cleanup on 1/15/05. To date, cleanup crews have collected 17,931 bags (299 cubic yards) of oily solid waste. The sensitive areas protection group repositioned boom at anadromous streams in Portage Bay. The Rapid Assessment Team completed surveying Unalaska Bay and assessed 18 miles of shoreline. The team found and collected one tar patty in Broad Bay and did not find any oil in Captains Bay. The Unified Command approved the revised waste management plan.

Salvage and Lightering Operations: On 1/17/05 the lightering team flew to the wreck and prepared to access the IFO #3 center tank, engine room lube oil tanks, and #4 starboard service tank. The lightering team reports IFO #3 center tank is damaged; however, the team has been unable to measure the amount of IFO remaining. The heavy lift helicopter was unable to fly due to poor weather. There was no change in recovery data. The IFO tank #4 starboard, estimated to hold 29,000 gallons of IFO, is now empty of removable oil. The IFO tank #4 port was initially estimated to hold 56,000 gallons of IFO. The total volume lightered from the vessel to date is 40,193 gallons of IFO/water and 2,647 gallons of diesel for a total of 42,840 gallons of IFO/diesel.

Vessel Status: There was no change in the status on 1/17/05. 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 1/16/05 and 1/17/05, the wildlife recovery team collected 28 bird carcasses. On 1/17/05 the USFWS reported that a total of 763 dead birds have been recovered. To date, 29 live oiled birds have been captured and sent for rehabilitation and 10 have been released. To date, 5 sea otter carcasses including two skeletons (cause of deaths unknown) have been recovered.

Commercial Fishery: On 1/17/05, water quality sampling continued in the Akutan and Unalaska areas. The tow in the Unalaska transit zone 3 miles offshore in the convergent zone had one trace amount of oil. The tow in Captains Bay had several areas of trace amounts of oil and the sampling team observed a diesel sheen. The tow in the Akutan transit zone did not have any evidence of oiling. The water quality sampling team met with the Dutch Harbor seafood processors to discuss managing the return of the opilio fleet from the Bering Sea.

Tanner crabs are currently being harvested in Unalaska Bay. Seafood inspections at Dutch Harbor processing plants found all product free of oil contamination. The Unalaska Bay Tanner crab fishery closes 5:00 pm today.

The Unified Command provided the opilio crab fleet with recommended transit procedures to minimize risk from encountering tarballs. The fleet left from 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 are 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 seven ADEC contractors are currently in Dutch Harbor, including eight ADEC seafood inspectors. Additional State spill response staff from ADEC, ADNRR, 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: Rain, temperatures mid 30s to low 40s, east wind 10-15 knots, and seas 2-3 feet. Tomorrow: Cloudy, temperatures low 30s to upper 30s, southeast wind 10-15 knots, seas 2 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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