

M/V SELENDANG AYU

Unalaska Island, Alaska
December 2004

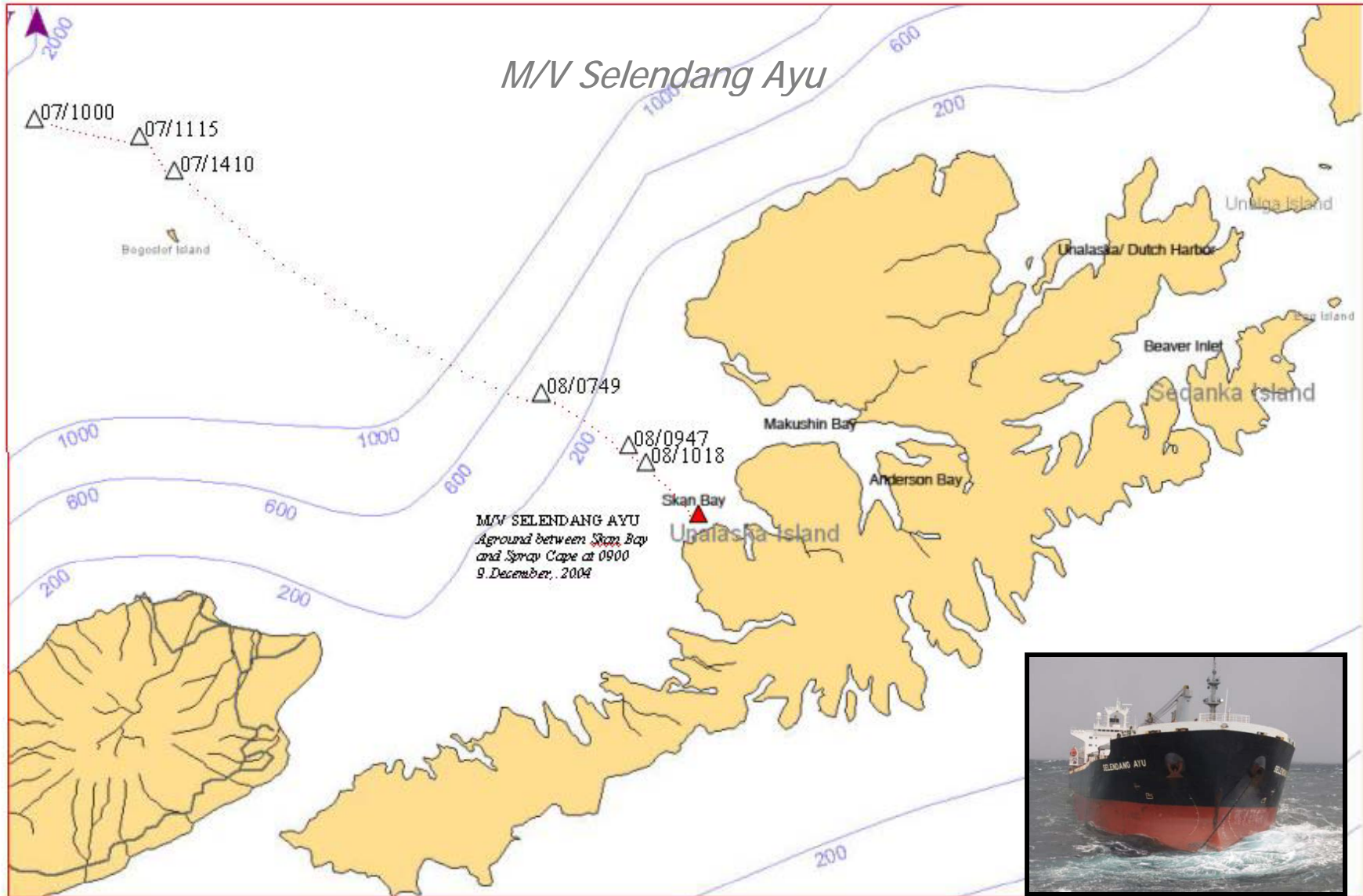
Characteristic Aleutians Response

- Foreign flag vessel on innocent passage
- Lack of spill response vessels
- Economically important fisheries
- Subsistence resources
- Remote location logistics
- Extreme weather and operating conditions



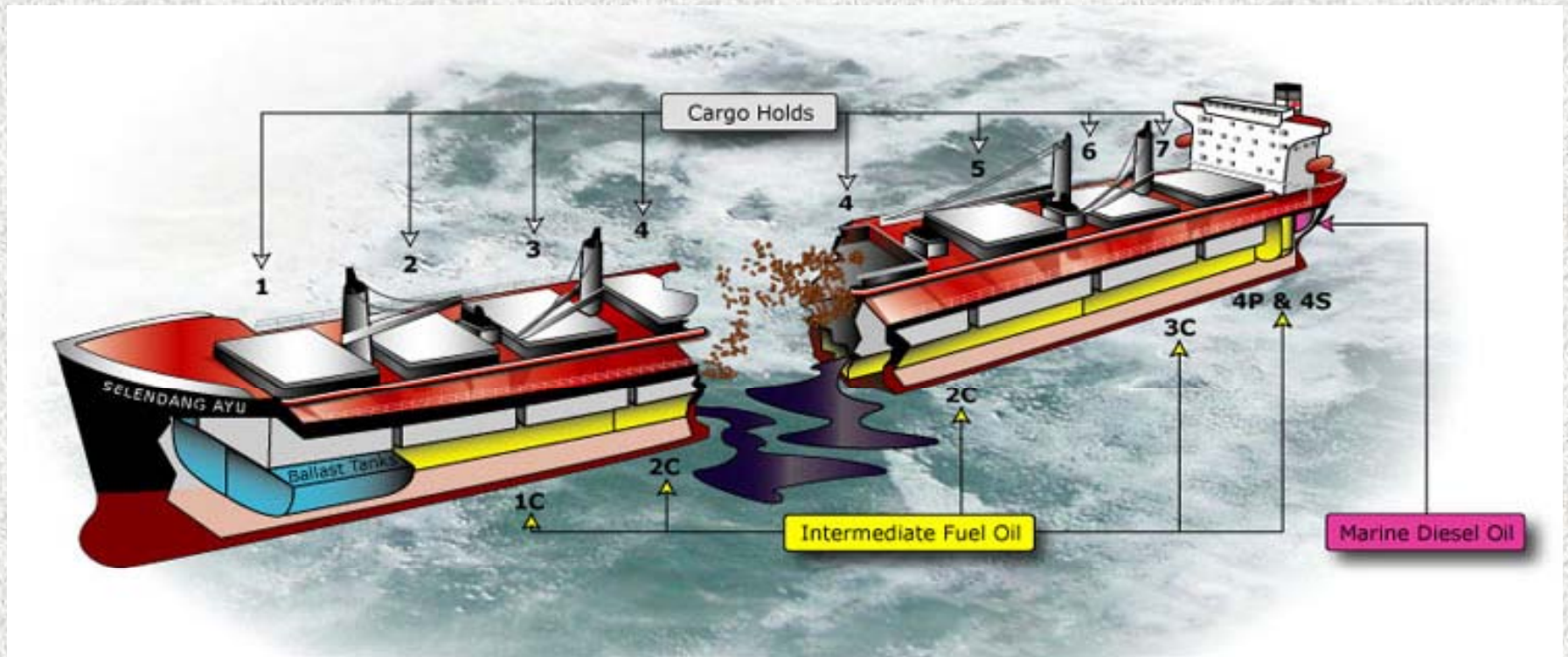


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Double bottom fuel tanks present a lightering challenge





December 9th.

The anchor is still attached to the bow and the stern is believed to be floating free.

Seas have calmed for the moment, but this break in the weather does not last long. Winds increase to 40 mph that night

Break at # 2C fuel tank containing 40,131 gallons



On DECEMBER 10th, winds increase to 45 mph from the SW, with 22 foot seas.

The ship's stern is believed to be hard aground.

DECEMBER 11th brings gale warnings with SW winds at 45 knots and seas building to 24 feet .



December 11th



December 12th

1C (bow) and # 3C (stern) fuel tanks “tidal with water bottom”

Tanks contain 176,473 and 104,448 gallons, respectively

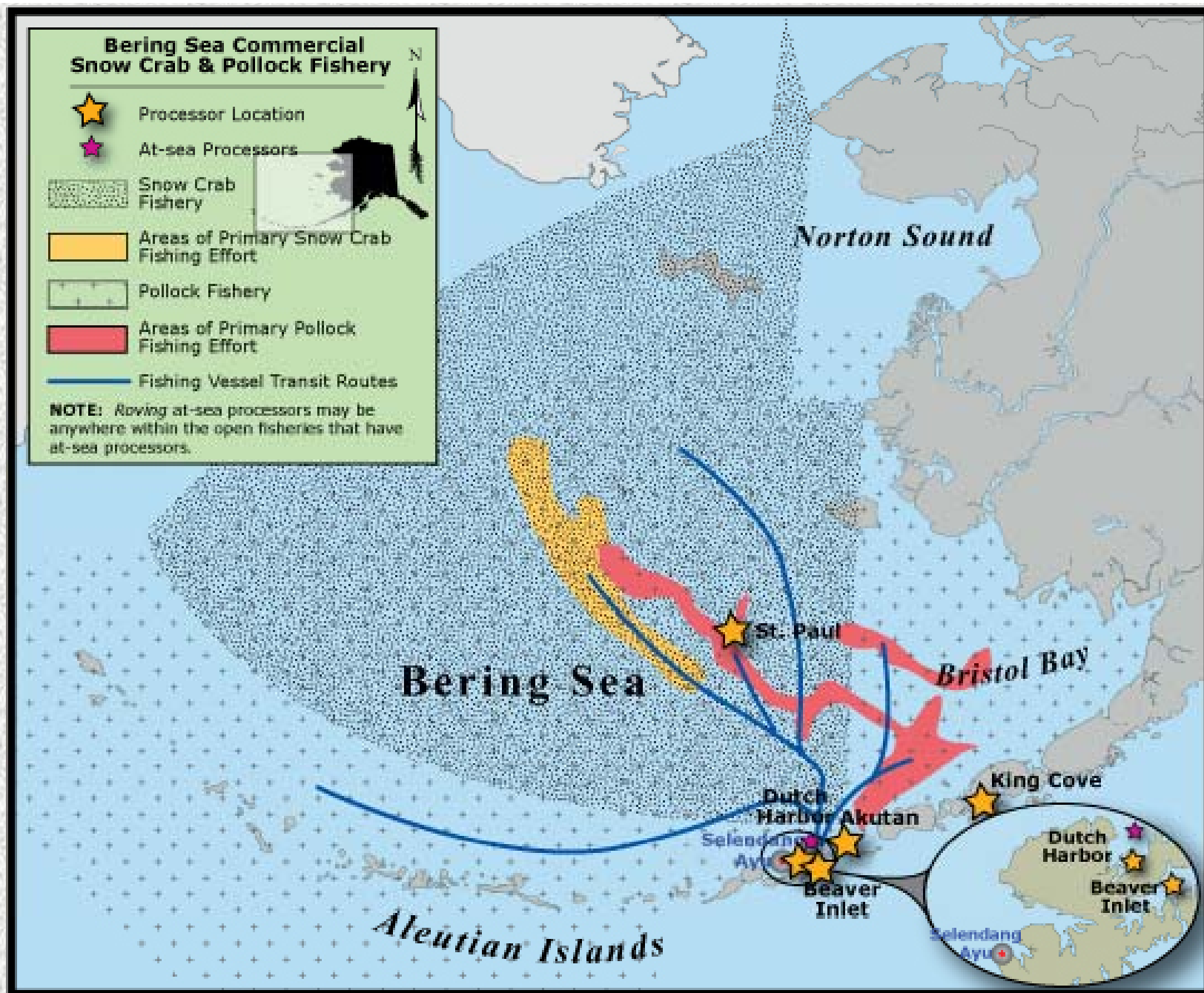
Heavy fuel oils can defy conventional spill tracking methods

- With a density of 0.989 g/cc, IFO 380 has the consistency of honey
- Large breaking waves were the primary mixing mechanism
- Viscous oil quickly broken into pancakes and blobs, eventually forming tar balls



IFO Fate and Effects

- Although buoyant, wave energy caused tar balls to be submerged or overwashed making them difficult to spot
- NOAA rule of thumb: $\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter oil particle penetrates the water column at a depth of about one and one-half times the height of the breaking waves.
- Difficult to model oil movement
- Local knowledge



Water Quality Monitoring



- Whole water samples
- Tow net trawls
- "Pom Pom" packs in RSW tanks
- Crab pots with oil snare



Observations



- Tar balls randomly dispersed, small in size

- Most likely to encounter tar balls in convergence zones

- No tar balls encountered in Akutan Bay or transit lanes

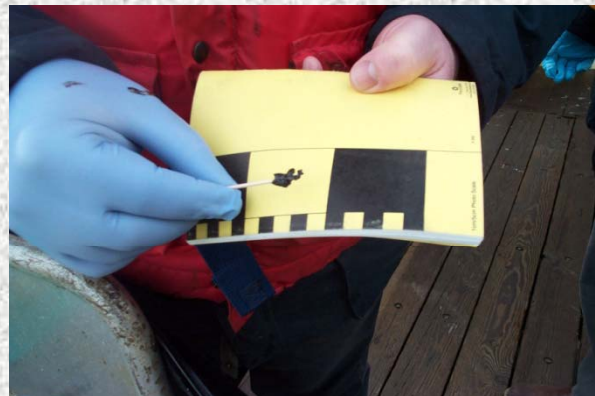
- In Unalaska area, tar balls were encountered as far offshore as 12 nm

Tow Net Oiling Observations



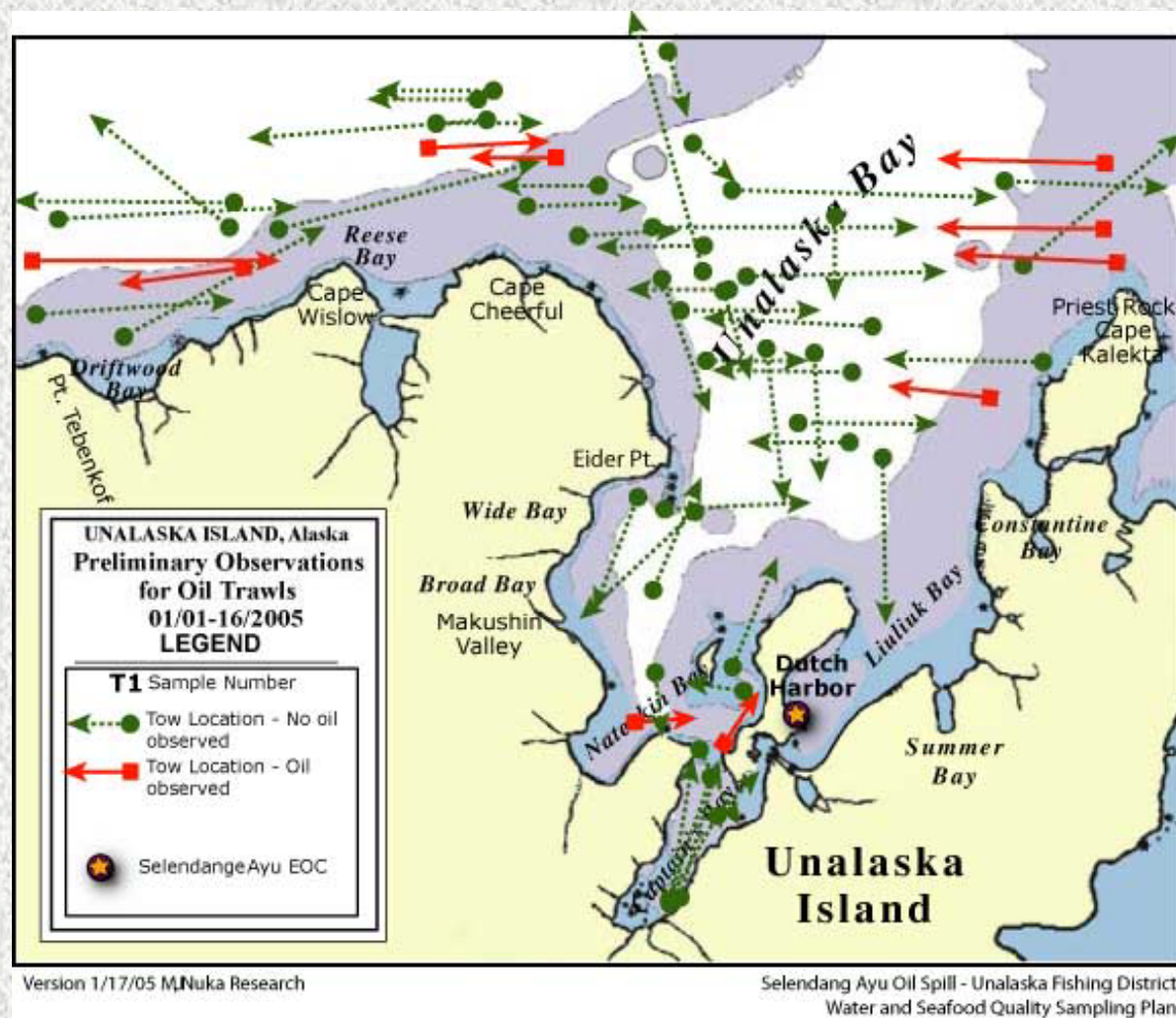
**Trace
oiling**

**1-2
mm tar
balls**



**Largest
tar balls
to date**

Composite Map of Tow Net Data January 1st to 16th – Unalaska



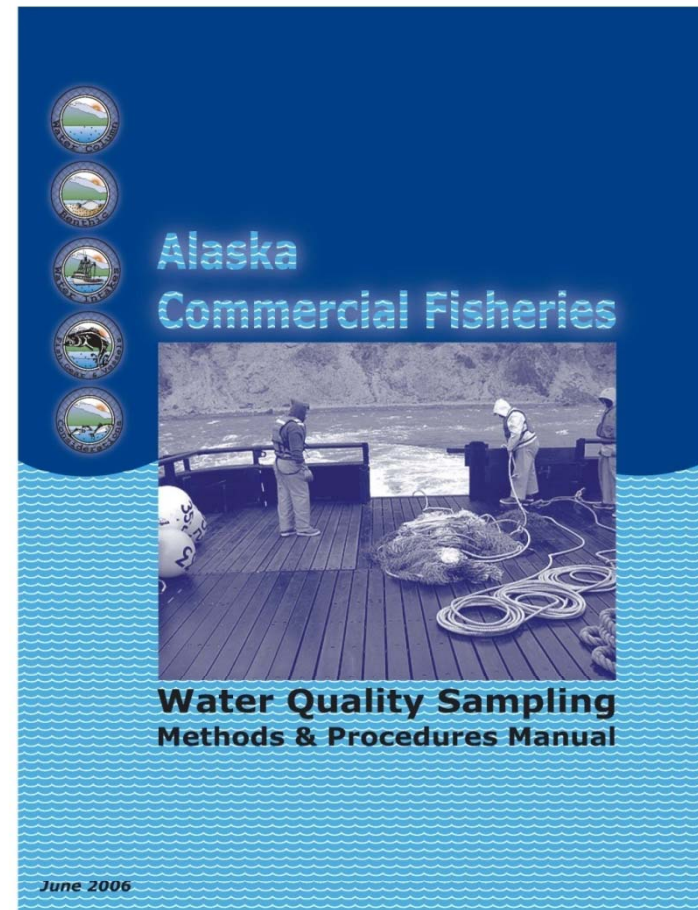
Red tows indicate oil encounter

Seafood Inspections & Public Outreach

- No contaminated seafood found by ADEC seafood inspectors
- Daily public meetings
- Vessel advisories - Recommended tracklines to Dutch Harbor
- Notice to Pollock and Cod Catcher Boats – “Pom Pom” Packs
- Fisheries Managers Work Group



We captured what we learned about tracking tarballs and protecting fisheries



Offshore Recovery:



"Current Buster"

- Very little recoverable oil offshore



Response infrastructure built from scratch















We learned a great deal about shoreline cleanup





Alaska Shoreline Cleanup Guidance Manual

- Presents requirements, policies, and expectations for cleanup of oil-impacted shorelines
- Identifies current treatment techniques for consideration during shoreline cleanup operations
- Outlines cleanup approval process and prescribed controls required for specific techniques
- Establishes statewide standard for shoreline cleanup of persistent oiling.
- Captures cleanup endpoint criteria .



Making Winter Decisions

- The Unified Command decide when to suspend cleanup and response operations for the winter season (February 9, 2005).
- Decision was made based on a number of factors, including the following three significant accomplishments:
 - The opilio crab fishery completed with no tainted product.
 - Lightering operations completed.
 - Successful completion of gross oil removal on approximately 70% of the oiled shorelines identified as areas very likely to have oil remobilized through tidal and wave activity.
 - Weather conditions deteriorated and prevented cleanup crews from landing on beaches for nine of the past twelve days. Local knowledge says weather conditions in February and March are typically worse than January.
 - Water-quality sampling and wildlife recovery operations will continue as weather permits.

What About the Soybeans?



- Loaded in Port of Seattle
 - 132 million pounds of dried #2 yellow soybeans
- Human consumption-
 - No pesticides or preservatives
- Up to 2% other materials
 - Other grains
 - Dust/stems
 - Seed pods
 - Weed seeds
- May sprout, but zero % chance of viability
- A common agricultural commodity
 - Not hazardous, will degrade naturally



SOYBEANS On The Beach

- The un-oiled soybeans are regulated as solid waste by the state.
- SCAT assessment teams assessed the amount and condition of the soybeans on the shoreline. Since rate of decomposition was acceptable to the state, ADEC did not require removal.
- If the rate of decomposition was slow and unacceptable to the state, ADEC would have required removal from the shoreline.