

Preassessment Data Report #1

Assessment of Potential Injuries to Nearshore Vegetation Communities on Unalaska Island following the M/V *Selendang Ayu* Oil Spill

COMMENTS OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Page 1; Paragraph 3; Introduction

“Loss of vegetation or changes in vegetative species composition may have had adverse impacts on these and other avian species.”

Is the vegetation addressed here limiting the Sanak song sparrow population?
This statement assumes that there was a loss or change that is not borne out by this study.

Page 5; Paragraph 2; Oiling

“There were many beach segments where oiled vegetation was recently removed or was being removed during the survey.”

Change “was” to “had been”.