

Every month, approximately 70 tankers are loaded with oil at the Marine Terminal in Valdez. Berth operators like Linda Lee oversee the entire process. They begin by helping tankers—which can be up to 1100' long—move into exactly the right position at the dock.

Before oil is loaded, they make sure protective boom is in place around the ship, check for safety hazards, and work with the ship's Chief Mate to

develop the best loading plan. Oil flows by gravity through loading arms attached to the tanker. On average, the tankers spend about 18 hours at the terminal. Berth operators are watching from start to finish to make sure each tanker is safely loaded before it's escorted on its way.

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When I'm not guiding in 1000-foot tankers, I'm hauling out 4-inch shrimp.

"Some people think it's ironic that I work for oil. But I think I'm the perfect choice for the job. When I'm not loading tankers for Alyeska, chances are you'll find me out on the water commercial fishing or shrimping. I have a lot of reasons to call Prince William Sound, and I do everything I can to make sure it's taken care of."

Linda Lee, berth operator