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M/V *HUSKY II*

(LCI(L)-653)

(USS *Avocet*)

Seldovia Harbor

Seldovia

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Alaska

HAER AK-52

Photographs were taken while the ship docked in Seldovia Harbor. At the time of documentation, the ship was scheduled to be scrapped in Homer, Alaska, within a few weeks. The ship was significantly altered from its original arrangement.

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- AK-52-17 Detail of pilot house interior looking forward and to port. The original pilot house was replaced.
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- AK-52-20 Interior detail of crew's berth on starboard. The design and materials were altered from the original.

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- AK-52-21 Deck view from pilot house looking aft along starboard side showing remnants of gun turret location on the deck. The small work boat on the platform behind was made from an old sailboat and modified with a crane and outboard motor to tend an oyster farm and pull fishing pots. Crabbing Vessel GUARDIAN is seen in the background (GUARDIAN appeared on the Discovery Channel Television program "Deadliest Catch" about crab fishing in Alaska).
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- AK-52-23 Deck view from stern looking forward towards deck house showing work boat platform with boat above and towing windlass at center under the platform.
- AK-52-24 Detail of towing windlass from port looking aft and towards starboard. A cable guide can be seen at right on the transom edge of the of the deck.
- AK-52-25 Detail of towing windlass viewed from the stern looking forward. Note the auto spooling mechanism at the center of the windlass. The windlass is powered by hydraulics located below deck.
- AK-52-26 Interior detail of foc'sle looking forward from the bulkhead towards the bow. Note the access hatch to the ramp/gate space at the bow. The stairway to the troop space below is located to the left. The ramp was covered with plate steel and can only be seen by opening an access hatch cut in the steel plate.
- AK-52-27 Interior of troop space below foc'sle looking forward towards the stairway up to the foc'sle and ramp. The ramp floor structure can be seen on the ceiling stepping down to the bow.

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- AK-52-28 Interior of troop space located under main deck just forward of the deck house structure looking forward towards the bow. The starboard main deck hatch can be seen at the upper right. This space was converted to support onboard seafood processing. Foam insulation was sprayed on the the walls and ceiling, and a bank of refrigeration units was installed on the port side. The troop stairway up to the ramp deck can be seen in the background on the left.
- AK-52-29 Interior of engine room looking aft showing twin diesel engines. The original configuration was two sets of four diesels.
- AK-52-30 Interior of lazarette looking to port and aft towards transom (on right) showing the steering gear. The original machinery was replaced by the existing hydraulic pistons mounted to the hull. The original machinery mounts remain on the floor frames.

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- AK-52-33 (CT) Detail of bow showing the troop ramp gate area and anchor.
- AK-52-34 (CT) Detail of hull sides on starboard side showing deterioration.