



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	BELUGA, AK	Accident Number:	ANC96LA042
Date & Time:	04/01/1996, 1100 AST	Registration:	N861TA
Aircraft:	Douglas DC-6-B	Injuries:	3 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation -		

Analysis

After landing the Captain was taxiing the airplane to the parking area to off load his cargo of fuel. While the Captain was maneuvering the airplane in the parking area the left wingtip struck a vertical steel building support. The Captain attempted to back up the airplane through the use of reverse thrust. While backing up, the left elevator, stabilizer, and vertical fin struck a steel fuel tank being stored near the parking area. The Captain stated that the parking area is tight for a DC-6 airplane.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The Pilot-in-Command's selection of an unsuitable terrain area for taxi/parking and his misjudgment of the clearance required.

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

1. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - SELECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) CLEARANCE - MISJUDGED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport	Age:	53
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	26000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 15000 hours (Total, this make and model), 23000 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 134 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 77 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Douglas	Registration:	N861TA
Model/Series:	DC-6-B DC-6-B	Engines:	4 Reciprocating
Operator:	WOODS AIR FUEL, INC.	Engine Manufacturer:	P&W
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)	Engine Model/Series:	R-2800-CB16
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 360°
Temperature:	10° C	Visibility	90 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	PALMER, AK (PAQ)	Destination:	, AK (BLG)

Airport Information

Airport:	BELUGA (BLG)	Runway Surface Type:	Gravel
Runway Used:	0	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	3 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	GEORGE KOBELNYK	Adopted Date:	07/25/1996
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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