

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Spill Prevention and Response**  
**Prevention and Emergency Response Program**

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** M/V *Golden Seas* Incident

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL NUMBER:** 10259933701

**LEDGER CODE:** 14307260

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** At 8:05 AM on December 3, 2010, ADEC the US Coast Guard (USCG) reported to ADEC that the vessel *Golden Seas* was adrift north of Adak Island. The crew of the vessel reported the loss of power to the USCG at 12:15 AM on December 3, 2010.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 4:00 PM on December 3, 2010

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 10:00 AM on December 4, 2010

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** No spill has occurred. The *Golden Seas* is a 738-foot-long Liberian-registered Panamax bulk carrier with 20 crew members aboard. The USCG reports that the vessel's cargo is rapeseed (used to make canola oil) and that it may have up to 520,440 gallons of heavy fuel oil, 11,748 gallons of diesel fuel, and 10,000 gallons of lube oil on board.

**LOCATION:** As of 1:30 PM on December 3, the vessel was at 52° 36' 18" latitude, 175° 38' 42" longitude, approximately 44 miles northwest of Atka Island in the Aleutian Islands (which is roughly 1,100 air miles southwest of Anchorage). The village of Atka is located on the eastern side of Atka Island. Adak and Atka Islands are in the Hawaii-Aleutian time zone, one hour earlier than Anchorage.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** This is a potential spill incident. The crew of the *Golden Seas* reported to the USCG that the turbocharger on the ship's single propulsion engine failed and is not repairable at sea. The engine is able to turn the ship's propeller, but not with sufficient power for the vessel to hold its position or make headway. The vessel is adrift and currently being driven by prevailing wind and seas toward the northwest shore of Atka Island at a speed of approximately 2.5 knots. Current projections have the ship making landfall there in approximately 14 hours.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** The ship is operated by Allseas Marine, SA, based in Voula, Greece.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** An ocean-going tug, the *Tor Viking*, and an offshore response vessel, the *Nanuq*, stationed in Dutch Harbor for work with Shell Oil have been contracted by the PRP to assist the *Golden Seas*. The *Tor Viking* is carrying an emergency towing system package that ADEC keeps staged in Dutch Harbor. At last report, the two vessels were preparing to leave Dutch Harbor, approximately 400 miles from the vessel.

The USCG has mobilized the cutter Alex Haley, and two HH60 helicopter to monitor the vessel, assist with getting it under tow, and conduct search and rescue if necessary. A USCG C-130 airplane remains grounded by mechanical problems in Kodiak. Spill responders with the USCG Pacific Strike Team have been mobilized to Anchorage.

The PRP, USCG and ADEC have established a Unified Command (UC) to manage the response to this incident and have set up a command post in Anchorage.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** There has been no release.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** On the current drift trajectory, threatened areas include several islands north of Atka Island, as well as the shoreline of Atka Island itself, including Korovin Bay and Korovin Lagoon, all within the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. Threatened species in the area include Steller's eiders and northern sea

otters. Endangered Steller sea lions have rookeries and haul-out sites in the area. Several species of sea ducks and sea birds are also common on the north shore of Atka at this time of year.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The UC is monitoring the vessel's status and making preparations to send spill response resources to the area if necessary.

**WEATHER:** Today: wind from the northwest at 40 knots, seas 25 feet, high temperatures in the upper 30s °F. Tonight: winds northwest at 35 knots, seas 22 feet, lows in the 30s °F. Saturday: wind northwest 30 knots, seas 20 feet changing to west wind 20 knots, seas 16 feet, 30s °F. Sunday and Monday: southwest wind 25 knots, seas 10 feet, 30s °F.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Jeremy W. Michels, The O'Brien's Group (representing the PRP)  
F.O.S.C.: Captain Jason Fosdick, USCG  
S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley, ADEC

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale Gardner, ADEC, (907) 269-7682

Photographs and other incident information are available for viewing at:  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/goldenseas>

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