

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 #: 5

SPILL NUMBER: 10259933701

LEDGER CODE: 14307260

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: At 8:05 AM on December 3, 2010, 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: 1:00 PM on December 6, 2010

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM on December 7, 2010

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: This is a potential spill incident. The *Golden Seas* is a 738-foot-long Liberian-registered Panamax bulk carrier with 20 crew members aboard. The USCG reported on December 3 that the vessel's cargo is rapeseed (used to make canola oil) and that it may have up to 451,561 gallons of IFO 380 bunker fuel, 11,780 gallons of diesel fuel, and 10,000 gallons of lube oil on board.

LOCATION: As of 12:20 PM on December 6, the vessel was at 53° 41.240 N latitude, 165° 17.360 W longitude, approximately 1 mile southwest of Unimak Pass.

CAUSE OF SPILL: No spill has occurred. The crew of the *Golden Seas* reported to the USCG that the turbocharger on the ship's single propulsion engine had failed and was not repairable at sea. Initially, the engine was not able to turn the ship's propeller with sufficient power for the vessel to hold its position or make headway in the severe weather it faced, and the vessel drifted with wind and seas toward the northwest shore of Atka Island. When the weather abated around 4:00 PM on December 3, the vessel was able to begin moving slowly to the northeast.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: The *Golden Seas* is continuing under tow by the *Tor Viking II* to Dutch Harbor. The plans are to enter Unimak Pass from the southeast, and then to Captains Bay at Dutch Harbor. As of 12:00 PM today, the vessels were traveling at a speed of nine knots. The vessels are anticipated to arrive in Dutch Harbor at noon tomorrow, December 7. The crew of the *Golden Seas* inspected the towline at the bow of the vessel and determined that the line was intact with no evidence of chafing. This was done as a precautionary measure prior to entering Unimak Pass.

SOURCE CONTROL: There has been no discharge.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The shorelines of several islands along the *Golden Seas*' route to Dutch Harbor, including Unalaska Island, Akutan and Aukun Islands, and Unimak Island, among others, may be vulnerable to a potential spill. The area contains critical habitat for the southwest Alaska population of northern sea otters and Steller sea lion protection areas. Waterfowl wintering in the area include spectacled and Steller's eiders, emperor geese, several species of sea ducks, and other sea birds. Lands on the islands are mostly either part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge or Native-owned.

Open commercial fisheries in the area include pacific cod and other groundfish and opilio crab. Anadromous streams are present on the islands, though commercial salmon fishing in the area is closed. Island residents may use onshore and nearshore areas for subsistence hunting and fishing.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Unified Command continues to monitor the vessels' progress and maintains radio contact. The crew of the *Tor Viking II* is also submitting hourly reports with on-scene weather and sea conditions, current vessel speed and location, plus the estimated time of arrival at Dutch Harbor.

WEATHER: On-scene weather as of 12:00 PM: temperature at 36°F, northwest wind at 20 knots, seas 10 feet. The weather as reported on the NOAA website is as follows:

Today: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain and snow showers. Highs in the mid 30°F. North wind at 20 to 30 mph, with gusts to 40 mph in the morning.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30°F. Northwest wind 15 to 25 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jim Morris, 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 or (907) 440-9137

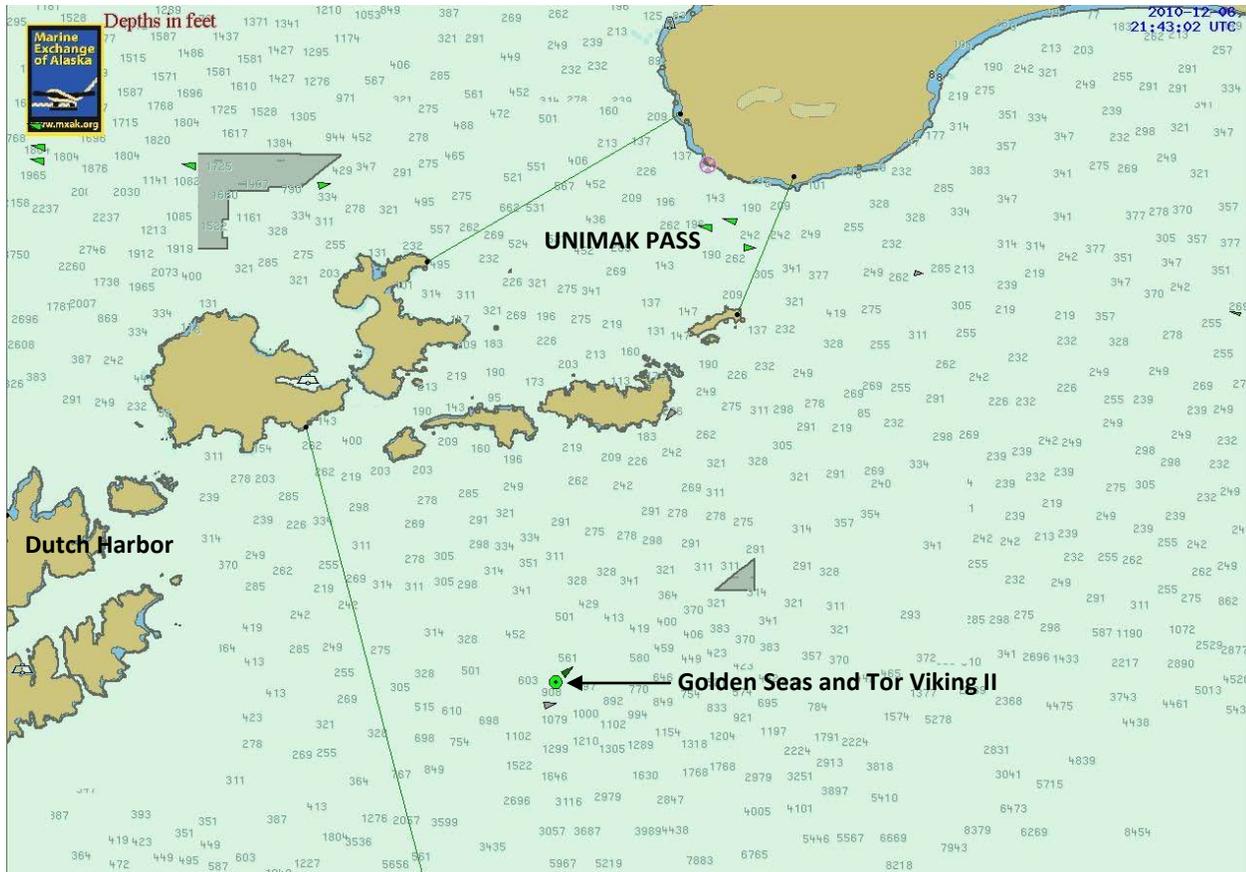
Photographs and other incident information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/goldenseas>

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Location of the Golden Seas and Tor Viking II (as of 12:43 PM, December 6, 2010)