

M/V Golden Seas Incident

Unified Command Decision Memo

Subject: Places of Refuge Decision

Date and Time: December 4, 2010, 10:00 AM

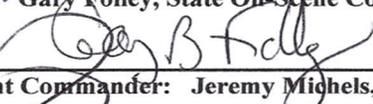
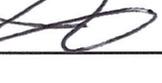
Background: In anticipation of moving the stricken vessel M/V Golden Seas to a place of refuge, the Unified Command considered two options: the Port of Adak and the Port of Dutch Harbor. The primary rationale for considering these two sites was the need for the necessary infrastructure to effect repairs to the vessel and availability of a protected harbor. The Unified Command held a teleconference on December 4, 2010 at 9:30 am with the Mayor of Unalaska, Harbormaster, and the marine pilots.

Discussion: The Alaska Regional Response Team's approved Potential Places of Refuge Guidelines were followed in initiating the decision process, determining the operational and environmental considerations, and conducting the necessary consultations.

Decision: The Unified Command selected several anchorage sites in Dutch Harbor (in the vicinity of Captains Bay) which will be considered as the preferred place of refuge for the vessel to undergo repairs.

Justification: The size and draft of the vessel (738 feet, 41 feet draft) were the key factors in determining that Adak would not be suitable as a place of refuge. The pre-identified potential places of refuge at Adak (e.g., the pier facilities, both of which were rated as Light Draft capable only) did not provide the necessary depth to accommodate the vessel's draft.

The Port of Dutch Harbor provides the necessary infrastructure and repair capabilities, plus suitable anchorage locations for deepwater draft vessels.

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Encl: PPOR Consultation Summary