

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V *Morning Cedar* Adrift Incident **SITREP #:** 1

SPILL NUMBER: 11259930901

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill. At 9:01 AM on December 5, 2011, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) reported to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) that the M/V *Morning Cedar* was adrift 10 miles north of Tanaga Island. The crew of the vessel reported the loss of steering to the USCG at 9:29 on December 5, 2011.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 11:00 AM on December 6, 2011

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM on December 7, 2011

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: No spill has occurred. The *Morning Cedar* is a 656-foot-long Singapore registered vessel with 23 crew members aboard. The USCG reports that the vessel's cargo is packaged lumber and that there are 227,000 gallons of bunker C oil and 60,000 gallons of diesel on board.

LOCATION: The M/V *Morning Cedar* is currently drifting 30 miles northwest of Tanaga Island. As of 8:00 AM, the vessel's position was 52 20.8N 178 36.6W. Tanaga Island is located more than 1,200 miles southwest of Anchorage.

CAUSE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill. The crew of the M/V *Morning Cedar* reported to the Coast Guard that there is some type of steering casualty and that the crew was not able to make repairs while they were underway. The vessel is drifting in a northwest direction away from land and is projected to continue to drift to the north for the next 24 hours.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): The ship is operated by Wallenius Marine Singapore and the owner of the vessel is Eukor Car Carriers Seoul, South Korea.

RESPONSE ACTION: The USCG has diverted the USCG Cutter *Sherman* to the M/V *Morning Cedar* location and has staged a CG HH-60 helicopter at Adak, Alaska to assist. If needed, the USCG is staged to transport the Emergency Towing System which is staged at Adak to the M/V *Morning Cedar* by the safest way possible. Information about the Emergency Towing System in Adak can be found at:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/ets/index.htm>

SOURCE CONTROL: There has been no release. The crew on board the M/V *Morning Cedar* is attempting to make repairs to the steering system.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reported impacts to resources. The coastline of Tanaga Island is primarily comprised of exposed rocky outcrops and cliffs shoreward of exposed wave-cut platforms. The shoreline at the head of the bays on the island are comprised of medium-grained and coarse-grained gravel beaches.

Steller sea lion haulouts are present near Bumpy Point and Falls Point. Waters around Tanaga Island are designated Steller sea lion critical habitat. Steller sea lions are listed on the Endangered Species list and may require consultation with NOAA-NMFS. Sea otters are also present around the island. Sea otters are part of the Endangered Species-listed SW Sea Otter population. Waters around Tanaga Island are also designated critical habitat for the SW Sea otter population. A Section 7 consultation with the USFWS may be warranted.

Resident waterfowl may include Common Eiders, Harlequin Duck, Glaucous-winged gulls, Cormorants, Pigeon guillemot, Tufted puffins, and Black oystercatchers.

Anadromous streams support pink and coho salmon and Dolly Varden. These anadromous streams will not have adults present, but rearing juveniles may be present near the mouth of the streams.

Uplands of Tanaga Island are included in the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. Tidelands and submerged lands are managed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. During World War II, there was a military presence on Tanaga Island. Remnants of the military presence may be present in the area of any potential grounding and spill.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: A Coast Guard HH 60 helicopter will remain in Adak to assist if needed. The USCG Cutter Sherman is expected to arrive on scene at approximately 6:00 PM today. The Cutter *Sherman* will stand by and assist the M/V *Morning Cedar* until repairs are made to the steering system or until a tug boat can arrive to tow the M/V *Morning Cedar* to a safe place of refuge where permanent repairs to the steering system can be made.

WEATHER: Gale warning through Wednesday. Tuesday: south winds 30 knots, seas 18 ft., rain showers. Wednesday: West wind 35knots, seas 10 ft. Thursday: south wind 35 knots, seas 13 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Gilbert Cabrea, Vessel Master
F.O.S.C.: Captain Jason Fosdick, USCG
S.O.S.C.: Steve Russell, ADEC

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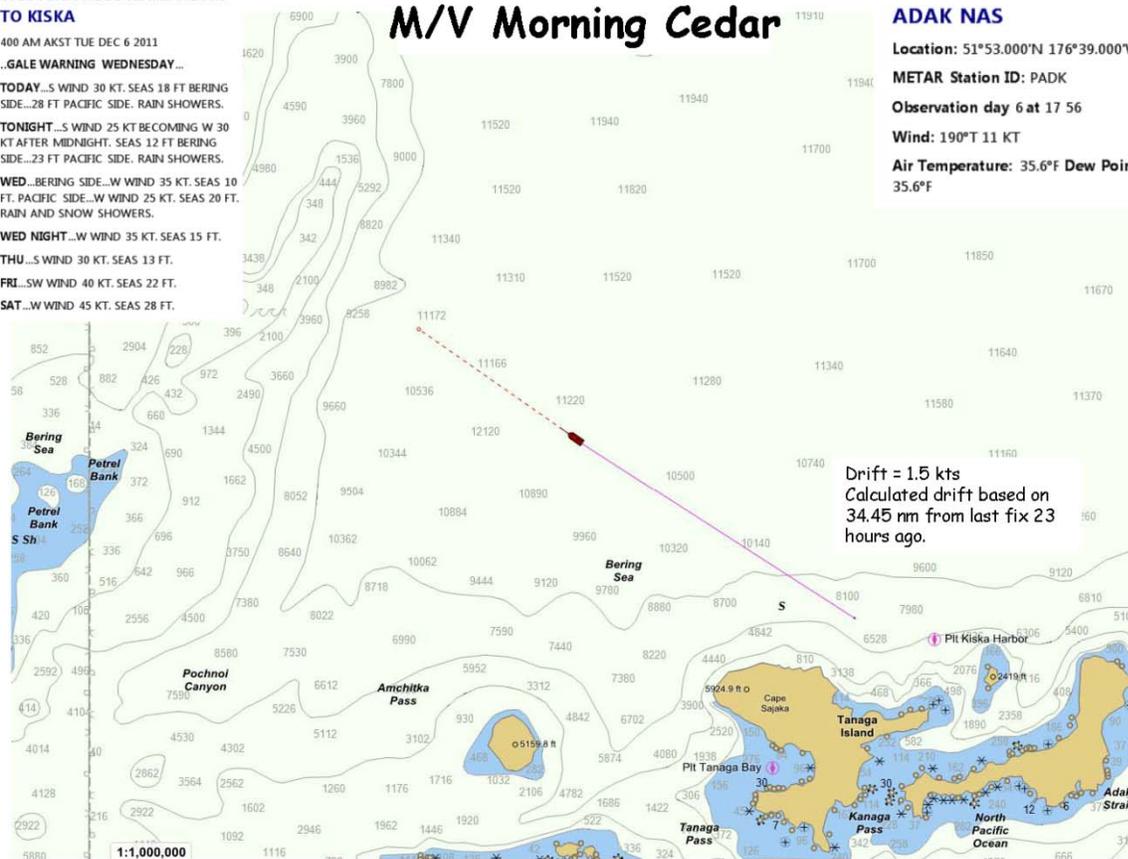
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400 AM AKST TUE DEC 6 2011
 ..GALE WARNING WEDNESDAY...
 TODAY...S WIND 30 KT. SEAS 18 FT BERING SIDE...28 FT PACIFIC SIDE. RAIN SHOWERS.
 TONIGHT...S WIND 25 KT BECOMING W 30 KT AFTER MIDNIGHT. SEAS 12 FT BERING SIDE...23 FT PACIFIC SIDE. RAIN SHOWERS.
 WED...BERING SIDE...W WIND 35 KT. SEAS 10 FT. PACIFIC SIDE...W WIND 25 KT. SEAS 20 FT. RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS.
 WED NIGHT...W WIND 35 KT. SEAS 15 FT.
 THU...S WIND 30 KT. SEAS 13 FT.
 FRI...SW WIND 40 KT. SEAS 22 FT.
 SAT...W WIND 45 KT. SEAS 28 FT.

M/V Morning Cedar

ADAK NAS

Location: 51°53.000'N 176°39.000'W
 METAR Station ID: PADK
 Observation day 6 at 17 56
 Wind: 190°T 11 KT
 Air Temperature: 35.6°F Dew Point: 35.6°F



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