Date of Incident: November 25, 2019
Potential Liable Party: R&P Logistics, LTD
Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (ULSD)
Spill Source: Commercial Truck
Oil Spill Size Estimate: 118 gallons
Water Body Affected: Coal Creek
Ecology Region: CRO
County: Kittitas
Nearest City: Snoqualmie Pass-Kittitas County
Location of Spill: Snoqualmie Pass roadside ditch
Cause: Judgment, Structural Failure
Ecology Responder: Andy Wilson
Incident Summary: On Monday, November 25, 2019, two semi-trucks were travelling eastbound in snowy conditions on I-90 near Snoqualmie Pass. One of the two semi-trucks attempted to pass the other, and lost control, veering in front of the semi-truck owned by Chandi Transport LLC. The driver attempted to avoid the collision and jack-knifed into the shoulder, striking a steep dirt embankment. The passenger-side saddle tank was damaged, and spilled an estimated 118 gallons of diesel fuel into a roadside ditch and storm system. Ecology's responder located an outfall from the storm system and observed the spilled oil entering Coal Creek. The towing company built a number of underflow dams and removed the spilled oil from the ditch and catch basins with a vac-truck. 87 gallons of diesel fuel was recovered from the water in the first 24 hours. Ecology has determined that the semi-truck owned by R&P Logistics, LTD, caused the accident, resulting in the spill.