PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: January 23, 2020
Potential Liable Party: Centerline Logistics
Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil
Spill Source: Pacific Falcon (Tug)
Oil Spill Size Estimate: 70 gallons
Water Body Affected: Elliott Bay
Ecology Region: NWRO
County: King
Nearest City: Seattle
Location of Spill: Maxum Petroleum Fuel Terminal
Cause: Procedural Error
Ecology Responder: Trevor Braund

Incident Summary: On Thursday, January 23rd 2020, the tug Pacific Falcon was moored starboard side to Pier 15, Maxum Enterprises LLC’s Harbor Island facility dock in Seattle, WA. The vessel was loading a planned 66,500 gallons of Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel and 300 gallons of lube oil. During the diesel fuel transfer, a valve was left open on the No. 7 fuel tank, overfilling the tank as the transfer continued. Diesel fuel spilled from the fuel tank vent, onto the deck, and overboard into Elliott Bay. The Maxum terminal initiated emergency shutdown procedures, and staffed deployed sorbent pads to soak up the spill. Global Diving and Salvage continued the cleanup operations, and recovered approximately 86 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from the deck, and 62 gallons from the water. Evaporation of on water diesel fuel was conservatively estimated at 8 gallons, bringing the total spill to water volume to 70 gallons.