

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** October 14, 2020

**Potential Liable Party:** US Seafoods Corp

**Product Spilled:** Waste Oil

**Spill Source:** Alaska Chieftain (Fishing Vessel, Shipyard/port facility)

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 197 gallons

**Water Body Affected:** Salmon Bay

**Ecology Region:** NWRO

**County:** King

**Nearest City:** Seattle

**Location of Spill:** Pacific Fishermen Shipyard

**Cause:** Equipment/System Design, Inadequate Procedure/Policy, Judgment

**Ecology Responder:** Wondwosen T. Paulos

**Incident Summary:** On August 21, 2020, the F/V *Alaska Chieftain* made contact with the sea bottom while transiting Prince Williams Sound in Alaska. No damage was reported at the time, and the vessel continued to Pacific Fishermen Shipyard without further incident. The *Alaska Chieftain* is a 196-ton, 92-foot crabber/trawler owned and operated by US Seafoods Corp. As the shipyard hauled the vessel from the water, waste oil began pouring out a hole in the hull at the bow as it broke the surface of the water. Damage to the bow of the vessel extended into a waste oil tank resulting in the release of oil.

Absorbent pads and sweeps were then deployed to recover the oil. Calm conditions kept the oil at the front of the vessel near shore. The shipyard estimates that most of the spilled oil was recovered.

Materials used in the clean-up were kept on site by Pacific Fishermen Shipyard and weighed at Ecology's request. After deducting the dry weight of the absorbent materials and the weight of the drums they have approximately 1,866 lbs. of recovered liquid, oil and water. An estimated 187.1 gallons of oil was recovered. Assuming 95% recovery due to ideal water conditions, the current estimated spill volume is 197 gallons.