Date of Incident: December 12, 2020

Potential Liable Party: Advanced American Construction, Inc.

Product Spilled: Lube Oil/Motor Oil

Spill Source: Tug Ruth

Oil Spill Size Estimate: As-yet-to-be-determined

Water Body Affected: Columbia River

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Cowlitz

Nearest City: Kalama

Location of Spill: Port of Kalama

Cause: Mechanical Failure

Ecology Responder: Kristopher Grinnell

Incident Summary: The Tug Ruth, owned by Advanced American Construction, Inc., was working at the Port of Kalama when a ramp on a nearby barge broke loose and fell on the tug. The ramp submerged the starboard side of the tug, sinking it, and spilling an as-yet-to-be-determined volume of lube oil to spill into the Columbia River. Advanced American staff boomed a large portion of the marina and used absorbent material to recover oil around the marina. Advanced American mobilized a crane barge to the spill location, lifted the vessel and dewatered the tug into the boomed area.