Date of Incident: February 13, 2021
Potential Liable Party: Matthew Finley
Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (ULSD)
Spill Source: TERRY F (Fishing Vessel)
Oil Spill Size Estimate: 365 gallons
Water Body Affected: Pacific Ocean
Ecology Region: SWRO
County: Pacific
Nearest City: Ocean Park
Location of Spill: Leadbetter Point
Cause: Judgment, Other, Sea State, Unknown, Wind
Ecology Responder: Alison Meyers

Incident Summary: On Saturday, February 13, 2021, the 1969-built, 47-foot, wood-hulled, commercial crabbing vessel, Terry F departed its home port of Westport, Washington, on the first day of the crab season on the Washington Coast. Around 7:30 a.m. the vessel Terry F issued a distress call, and reported a loss of power and was taking on water four miles offshore. The USCG deployed a helicopter and lifeboat to the scene and rescued the crew. The abandoned Terry F drifted into the surf off Leadbetter Point and broke up on shore, spilling its fuel. The last time the Terry F fueled up was on December 7, 2021. The vessel took 627 gallons of ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD). No information on the quantity of fuel already aboard the vessel when it fueled, or how much was used between December 7 and February 13 was available. Fuel remaining aboard the vessel at the time of the sinking was estimated to have been 500 gallons. Ecology worked with state, tribal, and federal coordination, contractors defueled the vessel (2/15) and removed the wreck from the beach in pieces after destruction by an excavator. 135 gallons of fuel was recovered from the Terry F’s tanks. Therefore, about 365 gallons of diesel spilled to the surf and the beach. None of the oil was recovered in the first 24-hours.