

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: April 21, 2021

Potential Liable Party: Cape Augustine Fisheries, LLC

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

Spill Source: Fishing Vessel

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 40 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Bellingham Bay

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: Whatcom

Nearest City: Bellingham

Location of Spill: Port of Bellingham - Squalicum Harbor

Cause: Structural Failure

Ecology Responder: Zach Gaston

Incident Summary: On Sunday, April 18, 2021, Ecology was notified of a 2,400 square foot sheen at Squalicum Harbor around the F/V *Let's Go*. Although Ecology responders did not observe the initial discharge, they did see members of the crew putting dishwashing soap on the sheen. The captain was not at the vessel at the time, and crew members did not allow responders to access the vessel. The exact volume of oil spilled on April 18, 2021 is unknown.

On Wednesday, April 21, another oil spill was reported from the F/V *Let's Go*. Ecology responded again and met the captain at the vessel. According to the captain, the fuel was accumulating in the bilge, activating the bilge pump and spilling diesel fuel into Bellingham Bay. Port staff recovered an estimated 25 gallons of diesel fuel in sorbents, 20 gallons during the initial 24-hours of the spill. Based the recovery figures, Ecology estimates that as much as 13 gallons evaporated, and 2 gallons dispersed into the water column over the course of the response. This resulted in a total estimated spill to water volume of 40 gallons.

After the incident, the owner had the fuel system repaired. The fuel system appears to have failed due to a cracked copper pipe near the fuel tank.