

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 708535

Date of Incident: 08/07/2021

Potential Liable Party: Gerald Wolniewicz

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

Spill Source: Recreational Vessel

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 153 gallons

Water Body Affected: Columbia River Estuary

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Pacific

Nearest City: Ilwaco

Location of Spill: Wakiki Beach, Cape Disappointment

Cause: Inattention/Distracted, Unknown

Ecology Responder: Shawn Zaniewski

Incident Summary: On August 7, 2021, the 41-foot, wooden-hulled, P/C Hobo grounded on a submerged portion of the North Jetty of the Columbia River entrance near Ilwaco. The vessel began flooding, and despite attempted assistance from USCG patrol boats, the vessel had to be grounded on Waikiki Beach at Cape Disappointment State Park to prevent it from sinking. The vessel was significantly damaged in the surf overnight, losing most of its diesel fuel, and was subsequently dismantled on the beach. Of the estimated 170 gallons of diesel aboard at the time of the grounding, only about 17 gallons was recovered the next day from its fuel tanks with the remaining 153 lost to the beach and water.