ERTS# 710640
Date of Incident: 11/13/2021
Potential Liable Party: Tom Germain
Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil
Spill Source: ZUMA (Recreational Vessel)
Oil Spill Size Estimate: 127 Gallons
Water Body Affected: Salmon Bay
Ecology Region: NWRO
County: King
Nearest City: Seattle
Location of Spill: Stimson Marina
Cause: Human Error
Ecology Responder: David Byers

Incident Summary: During an internal fuel polishing and transfer operation, a fuel tank onboard a 65’ P/C Zuma was overfilled, spilling diesel fuel out of a vent into Salmon Bay in Seattle. The boat owner, who had just taken delivery of his new boat, was performing the fuel polishing operation by circulating fuel from tanks through the fuel filter. The owner discovered the release at approximately 1000, stopped the fuel transfer operation and made immediate notification to 911, the NRC and WEMD. Ecology, WDFW and USCG responded. The owner hired US Ecology to clean-up the spill. US Ecology recovered approximately 122 gallons of diesel from the water. Using an evaporation model for the spill, 127 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from the vent.