

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 716940

Date of Incident: 08/13/2022

Potential Liable Party: Matthew Johnston

Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (ULSD)

Spill Source: Aleutian Isle (Fishing Vessel)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 2000 Diesel Low Sulphur (ULSD)

Water Body Affected: Haro Strait

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: San Juan

Nearest City: Friday Harbor

Location of Spill: Western Shore of San Juan Island

Cause: Unknown

Ecology Responder: Robert Walls

Incident Summary: On August 13, 2022, the 58' F/V *Aleutian Isle* was seine fishing off the western shore of San Juan Island when it suddenly sank. The crew was able to escape to safety, while the vessel sank to a depth of over 100 feet in Haro Strait. An estimated 2000 gallons of diesel fuel was aboard at the time of the sinking. Over the next 40 days, the vessel owner, the USCG, Ecology, San Juan County DEM, and the Swinomish Tribe worked to remove the vessel from the bottom. Diesel odors and oil sheen were observed along the western shoreline, and the vessel continued to intermittently sheen throughout the response. Due to the extreme depths of the vessel, divers from Global Diving were limited to brief operational windows of calm currents. On September 15, Global successfully attached cables to the vessel, and on September 17 the vessel was successfully raised to the surface using a crane barge. On September 19, the vessel was hauled alongside the crane barge to shallower waters near Mitchell Bay for defueling. An estimated 400 gallons of diesel fuel was removed from the vessel. On September 21, the vessel was successfully raised from the water and secured to the deck of a barge for transit to Culbertson Marine Construction in Anacortes.