

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 717317

Date of Incident: 08/30/2022

Potential Liable Party: Matthew Tabbert

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil, Hydraulic Oil, Lube Oil/Motor Oil, Oily Water Mixture

Spill Source: Golden North (aka Dead Pool) (Fishing Vessel)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 27.5 gallons total (20 Diesel/Marine Gas Oil, 5 Hydraulic Oil, 2.5 Lube Oil/Motor Oil)

Water Body Affected: Bellingham Bay

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: Whatcom

Nearest City: Bellingham

Location of Spill: Squalicum Harbor

Cause: Unknown

Ecology Responder: Amanda M Howe

Incident Summary: On August 30, 2022, the 46-foot 1920 wood-hulled F/V Golden North sank at Squalicum Harbor. Approximately 40 gallons of diesel and various other oils spilled to Bellingham Bay. Harbor staff deployed hard boom, soft boom, and pads to corral the spill. Ecology and the USCG also responded, and the USCG hired US Ecology for the cleanup and recovery. US Ecology pumped off roughly 10 gallons of diesel from the boat and roughly 10 gallons of oily-water mixture from the boat. Divers sealed the accessible through-holes and inspected the hull. After working with the vessel owner, Squalicum Harbor agreed to hire Global Diving and Salvage to remove the vessel from the water and turn it over to the DNR Derelict Vessel Program. On September 2, 2022, the vessel was successfully removed from the water and staged at an upland location for future disposal.