

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 722807

Date of Incident: 05/13/2023

Potential Liable Party: WILLIAM BRZYCKI

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

Spill Source: Recreational Vessel

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 50-150 gallons Diesel

Water Body Affected: Duwamish River

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: King

Nearest City: Tukwila

Location of Spill: 8801 E Marginal Way S, Tukwila

Cause: Electrical Failure

Ecology Responder: Laura Montelione

Incident Summary: On May 13, 2023, the 35-foot P/C SOUTH SOUND departed from the Duwamish Yacht Club with approximately 300 gallons of red-dye diesel on board. The vessel traveled to the Shoreline area before turning around and heading back to the yacht club. With a burn rate of 6 gallons per hour, an estimated 25 gallons of diesel was used in transit. On the Duwamish River, around 300 yards from the club, the vessel's electrical panel caught fire. Unable to extinguish the fire, all five occupants were forced to abandon ship, which grounded on a tidally influenced area of the Duwamish shoreline. Ecology responders arrived at 5:35 p.m. and observed the burned and damaged vessel completely out of the water on its starboard side. While it appeared that a large amount of diesel burned up during the fire, diesel was seen leaking from a fuel tank at the stern and pooling in the vessel. As the starboard side was damaged, diesel was seen spilling onto the sandy/muddy shore. TowBoat US arrived shortly after Ecology and assisted in deploying sorbent soft boom and pads and in plugging the hole in the starboard side. Global Diving was sub-contracted by TowBoat US and arrived around 8:00 p.m. Global Diving pumped 75 gallons of diesel out of the vessel and deployed additional soft boom and sweep around the vessel while a salvage plan was developed. TowBoat US continued to monitor the vessel and replace boom and pads as needed until May 22, when the vessel was removed from the water. Ecology continues to investigate how much of the diesel

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was recovered by sorbents and how much may have burned off, resulting in an early estimated amount spilled to water at 50-150 gallons.