PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 725817

Date of Incident: 09/29/2023

Potential Liable Party: Liberty Maritime Corporation

Product Spilled: Waste Oil

Spill Source: LIBERTY PEACE (Ro-Ro Ship)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 199 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Puget Sound

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: Kitsap

Nearest City: Manchester

Location of Spill: Yukon Harbor

Cause: Inadequate Maintenance, Procedural Error

Ecology Responder: Christian Nunez

Incident Summary: On September 29, 2023, the Roll on-Roll off vessel *Liberty Peace* was

anchored in Yukon Harbor near Manchester, Washington. At 09:50, the first assistant engineer began an internal transfer of oil from the port oily bilge tank to the incinerator waste oil service tank. Around 10:55, the engineer arrived at the location of the incinerator waste oil tank and noticed that the transfer pump was still running. He immediately stopped the pump and took actions to address the overflowing tank. At about the same time, a crewmember conducting rounds noticed a sheen off the vessel's port side and alerted the first assistant engineer. After the first assistant engineer informed the Chief Engineer, the Chief reported the spill to the vessel's master, who then notified the Qualified Individual at Gallagher Marine, who made spill notification calls. The source of the spill was contained by the ship's crew and US Ecology was contracted to clean the vessel's hull. The Department of Ecology's investigation into the incident determined that an estimated 199 gallons of waste oil likely

spilled to Yukon Harbor.