

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	726841
Date of Incident:	11/18/2023
Potential Liable Party:	West Sound Marina
Product Spilled:	Lube Oil/Motor Oil, Waste Oil
Spill Source:	<i>El Capitan</i> (Recreational Vessel)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	49.89 Gallons Total (7.92 Lube Oil/Motor Oil, 41.97 Waste Oil)
Water Body Affected:	West Sound
Ecology Region:	NWRO
County:	San Juan
Nearest City:	Eastsound
Location of Spill:	West Sound Marina
Cause:	Sinking/Loss Of Vessel
Ecology Responder:	Robert Walls
Incident Summary:	<p>On November 18, 2023, West Sound Marina personnel reported the sinking of the 81-foot former US Army tugboat <i>El Capitan</i> at the West Sound Marina on Orcas Island. The vessel's fuel tank had been previously emptied, but up to 600 gallons of lubricating oil were reportedly on board. The Islands' Oil Spill Association (IOSA) responded and surrounded the vessel with containment boom and continued to monitor and maintain sorbent materials along with the marina. After sheen was observed on November 26, 2023, the US Coast Guard contracted Global Diving and Salvage (GDS) to assess the vessel, but GDS did not find any specific points of leakage. In addition, GDS was unable to remove any of the oil while the vessel was on the bottom of the marina, allowing small quantities of oil to be released, as evidenced by contaminated sorbents within the containment boom. Based on the sheen size and characteristics observed on 11 non-consecutive days while the vessel was sunk, Ecology estimates that a total of 50 gallons of oil spilled, including a 42-gallon spill when the vessel sank in November. In April, 2024, the USCG and WDNR determined that the vessel needed to be removed from the state aquatic lands, which were being leased by the marina. WDNR worked with West Sound Marina to dispose of the <i>El Capitan</i> under the Voluntary Turn-In Program. The marina's insurer contracted with GDS to remove the vessel on June 19, 2024 via crane barge. The vessel was then taken by barge to Stabbert Marine in</p>

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Anacortes, where WDNR paid GDS for vessel deconstruction and disposal.