

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 728048

Date of Incident: 01/16/2024

Potential Liable Party: Shane Weston

Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur

Spill Source: M/V *Oz* (Work Boat)
WN9703SH

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 120 Gallons

Water Body Affected: New Channel, Salish Sea

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: San Juan

Nearest City: San Juan Island

Location of Spill: Cactus Island

Cause: Unknown

Ecology Responder: Robert Walls

Incident Summary: On January 16, 2024, Ecology received a report from the Coast Guard of the 30-foot motor vessel *Oz* aground on the north side of Spieden Island. The vessel owner attempted to float the vessel, but it ended up sinking. The vessel is now located about 110 feet deep in the channel between Spieden and Cactus Islands. The vessel's fuel tank holds a maximum of 190 gallons of diesel, but the owner estimates that 120 gallons was on board. The USCG reported that they were not concerned with removing the fuel from the vessel because most of the fuel will have been released by the time recovery operations would take place. The vessel owner is currently working with his insurance and Global Diving to salvage the vessel. However, Global Diving is concerned with the safety of the operation given the depth of the vessel and the strong currents in the area. No fuel is expected to be recovered.