

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 732435

Date of Incident: 07/23/2024

Potential Liable Party: Doug Caywood

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

Spill Source: Linda Lou (Recreational Vessel)
Seattle Boat Company (Lake Union Fuel Dock) (Commercial/Industrial Facility)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 70 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Lake Union

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: King

Nearest City: Seattle

Location of Spill: Seattle Boat Fuel Dock

Cause: Fueling Overfill, Structural Failure

Ecology Responder: Wondwosen T. Paulos

Incident Summary: On July 23, 2024, the 45-foot P/C Linda Lou was refueling at Seattle Boat Lake Union Fuel Dock when it had an overfill, spilling approximately 90 gallons of diesel to its bilge. An automatic bilge pump then pumped an estimated 70 gallons of the diesel from the bilge out to Lake Union. Ecology responded along with the US Coast Guard and Seattle Boat staff, who had initially discovered the diesel release and accompanying sheen. The Seattle Boat crew had immediately hit the emergency stop button, but fuel continued to pump from the vessel's bilge for another minute until power was disconnected. Seattle Boat deployed 1.75 rolls of absorbent pads and 40 lengths of sausage boom within 20 minutes of the spill, which recovered the majority of the product from the water. The Linda Lou left the site for Fishermen's Terminal to pump out the diesel in the bilge while Seattle Boat removed the saturated absorbents and boom from the water, leaving clean boom until the next day to potentially collect any residual sheen.