

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 732896

Date of Incident: 08/09/2024

Potential Liable Party: Carl Sheats

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

Spill Source: Fishing Vessel

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 50 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Pleasant Harbor

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Jefferson

Nearest City: Brinnon

Location of Spill: Brinnon

Cause: Mechanical Failure

Ecology Responder: Josh Coulter

Incident Summary: On August 9, 2024, Ecology received a report of a sheen at the mouth of Pleasant Harbor surrounding a grounded vessel. Ecology responded along with the US Coast Guard. The vessel owner purposely grounded his vessel following engine issues and was unable to float the vessel at high tide. The incoming tide did however flood the vessel, causing a diesel release from an unknown location. The vessel owner reported that he had a maximum of 50 gallons of diesel aboard between two 50-gallon fuel tanks. Due to delays with the vessel owner's insurance, the USCG federalized the cleanup response and hired Republic Services, who placed hard boom and absorbents around the vessel. At 04:00 a.m. on August 11, Republic Services was able to float the vessel and remove 50 gallons of oily water from the tanks as well as 20 gallons of hydraulic oil. Ecology continues to investigate the amount of oil released, but is currently estimating that 50 gallons spilled to water.