

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	735580
Date of Incident:	12/08/2024
Potential Liable Party:	Joshua Hayes
Product Spilled:	Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd)
Spill Source:	Nova 36 (Recreational Vessel)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	50 Gallons
Water Body Affected:	Elliot Bay
Ecology Region:	NWRO
County:	King
Nearest City:	Seattle
Location of Spill:	Seattle
Cause:	Fire
Ecology Responder:	Charlotte Soler
Incident Summary:	<p>On December 8, 2024, Ecology was notified of a 35-foot recreational vessel on fire in Elliott Bay. The occupant had been rescued and reported 250 gallons of diesel on board. At the direction of the Seattle Fire Department, TowBoat US towed the vessel 150 feet offshore near Fourmile Rock, where it sank in approximately 12 feet of water. TowBoat US surrounded the vessel with adsorbent boom as it actively leaked diesel, later deploying hard containment boom for additional protection. Global Diving & Salvage was contracted to dive and recover fuel from the tanks in addition to collecting oil on the surface. The diving team recovered 60 gallons of mixed diesel and water from the sunken vessel's badly damaged fuel tanks. Additionally, they filled a cubic yard container with diesel-saturated adsorbents. An AUS and TowBoat US dive team attempted to raise the sunken vessel with lift bags the following day but were unsuccessful due to the burned-out hull's lack of structural integrity. TowBoat US reported observing no further pollution. The recovery then pivoted to using a crane barge to lift the vessel and place it on a recovery barge without further incident. Throughout the response, Ecology Responders monitored operations and did not observe oil outside the boomed area. There were no shoreline or wildlife impacts. Responders observed a seal and birds in the general area; none were observed in the oil.</p>