

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 736474

Date of Incident: 01/18/2025

Potential Liable Party: Randy Eckert

Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd), Lube Oil/Motor Oil

Spill Source: *Quality Time* (Recreational Vessel)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 131 Gallons Total (130 Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd), 1 Lube Oil/Motor Oil)

Water Body Affected: Drayton Harbor

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: Whatcom

Nearest City: Blaine

Location of Spill: Blaine

Cause: Electrical Failure, Unknown

Ecology Responder: Wondwosen T. Paulos

Incident Summary: On the evening of January 18, 2025, Blaine PD reported a potential spill from a vessel on fire at the Semiahmoo Marina, which soon sank in its slip. The cause of the fire on the 34-foot recreational vessel *Quality Time* was determined to be most likely an electrical failure associated with the shore power connection, but extensive fire damage prevented any conclusive findings. The vessel owner estimated that the two fuel tanks were 2/3 to 3/4 full with about 130 gallons of diesel on board at the time. The marina deployed sorbent boom around neighboring slips, but non-recoverable sheen was observed throughout the marina by Ecology responders the following morning. Ecology and a representative of the Lummi Nation deployed hard boom around the vessel from a nearby Ecology trailer, along with additional sorbent materials. The US Coast Guard also responded and conducted a drone flight, showing that some sheen had exited the marina. The owner of the vessel hired Global Diving & Salvage to remove pollution, raise the vessel, and replace sorbent materials. A duck carcass was recovered at a nearby dock, but it did not appear to be oiled. Global Diving successfully floated the vessel and towed it to a trailer at Blaine Marina on January 20. Global Diving calculated the removal of an estimated 100-125 gallons of diesel from the water using sorbent materials and an additional 40 gallons of oil-water mix from the fuel tanks. Global Diving also recovered debris that had drifted throughout the marina.

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