

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	738185
Date of Incident:	04/10/2025
Potential Liable Party:	C & M Marine Inc.
Product Spilled:	Diesel/Marine Gas Oil
Spill Source:	VALIANT (Fishing Vessel)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	57 Gallons
Water Body Affected:	Salmon Bay
Ecology Region:	NWRO
County:	King
Nearest City:	Seattle
Location of Spill:	Seattle
Cause:	Bilge discharge
Ecology Responder:	Christian Nunez
Incident Summary:	<p>On April 10, 2025, Ecology responded, along with the US Coast Guard, to a report of an unknown sheen and diesel odor in Salmon Bay, just east of the Ballard Locks. The F/V <i>Valiant</i> was docked on the north side of Salmon Bay and identified as a possible source as it was surrounded by rainbow sheen. After further investigation, responders observed emulsified oil on the deck and gunwales of the tug moored alongside the <i>Valiant</i>, followed by substantial amounts of emulsified oil observed in the <i>Valiant's</i> engine room bilge. The bilge pump piping directed flow to where oil appeared to have sprayed out onto the tug, indicating that a bilge discharge was the most likely cause of the oil in the marina. The <i>Valiant's</i> insurance company hired Republic Services to perform cleanup operations, including maintaining containment boom and replacing sorbent materials. Based on the weight of the contaminated sorbents as well as the estimated size and characteristics of the observed spill, Ecology estimates that the <i>Valiant</i> had released an estimated 57 gallons of oil to Salmon Bay. Ecology confirmed that there was no sign of sheen on the west side of the Ballard Locks. On April 16, Ecology returned and observed only a small pocket of emulsified oil in the marina. Ecology advised the marina that after the oil was recovered, the remaining sorbents could be removed.</p>