

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	738773
Date of Incident:	05/09/2025
Potential Liable Party:	Petersen Fisheries, Inc.
Product Spilled:	Diesel/Marine Gas Oil
Spill Source:	CAPTAIN RALEIGH (Fishing Vessel)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	1,800 Gallons
Water Body Affected:	Grays Harbor Bar
Ecology Region:	SWRO
County:	Grays Harbor
Nearest City:	Westport
Location of Spill:	Westport
Cause:	Sinking/Loss of Vessel
Ecology Responder:	Anthony Foote
Incident Summary:	<p>On May 9, 2025, the F/V <i>Captain Raleigh</i> was heading into port from a four-day fishing trip when the crew sent out a distress call to the US Coast Guard reporting uncontrolled flooding. About twenty minutes after the distress call, the 67-foot steel-hulled <i>Captain Raleigh</i> rolled and sank in 60 to 70 feet of water at the entrance to Grays Harbor. Three of the four-man crew were successfully rescued, but despite extensive search and rescue operations, Captain Jon Stevenson was never found and is believed to have been trapped inside of the vessel as it sank. The vessel's insurance company hired Global Diving and Salvage, who were able to plug a fuel tank vent on May 10, regardless of short dive windows due to strong tides and the danger posed by the <i>Captain Raleigh's</i> shrimp nets. A small amount of oil was collected from surface sheen, which was thin and affected by weather and currents. By May 11, Global Diving had plugged all the tank vents while a cracked vent pipe continued to leak intermittently. The <i>Captain Raleigh</i> continued to tumble on the bottom of the channel in the first week following the sinking, releasing a thin oil sheen that extended into Grays Harbor. Global Diving deployed multiple anchors to secure and stabilize the vessel on May 21.</p> <p>Continuing to work around weather and tidal conditions, Global Diving was able to sting and remove 2,059 gallons of diesel from two starboard tanks and 73 gallons from the forward port tank (2,132 gallons total). The</p>

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other port fuel tank was found to be empty, as was the lubricating oil reservoir tank. On June 16, oil recovery operations were complete. Based on fueling records, starboard tank recovery volumes, and oil tank volume, Ecology estimates that approximately 1,800 gallons of oil are unaccounted for and assumed spilled (mostly diesel with a percentage of lube oil). Focus Wildlife patrolled the area during dive operations and documented multiple sheens and varied wildlife, although none of the wildlife appeared impacted by the oil. Ecology and USCG attempted to locate a crane barge capable of lifting the vessel from the bottom, but none have been available.