

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	740606
Date of Incident:	08/06/2025
Potential Liable Party:	Mountain Barge Services
Product Spilled:	Diesel/Marine Gas Oil
Spill Source:	Mountain Barge Services, LLC (Commercial/Industrial Facility) <i>Thomas Hugh</i> (Tug)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	26 Gallons
Water Body Affected:	Lake Chelan
Ecology Region:	CRO
County:	Chelan
Nearest City:	Chelan
Location of Spill:	Chelan
Cause:	Deliberate Violation, Equipment/System Design, Inattention/Distracted, Insufficient Personnel, Procedural Error
Ecology Responder:	Seth Bengt
Incident Summary:	At 1:12 p.m. on August 6, 2025, Ecology received a report of a large rainbow sheen at a private marina on Lake Chelan. Around 3:00 p.m., the Chelan County Sheriff Department identified a tug approximately 0.5 miles southeast from the marina as the source. Ecology advised the owner of the tug <i>Thomas Hugh</i>, Mountain Barge Services, LLC, to hire a cleanup contractor while the Chelan Fire Department deployed containment and sorbent boom. According to Mountain Barge Services, the spill occurred during refueling of the tug around 12:30. At that time, a single employee was fueling the tug with diesel from a fueling skid on a barge. The employee had stepped away from the automatic nozzle to turn a valve on the skid, relying on the nozzle to shut off the flow of fuel if the tank became full. The automatic nozzle shutoff did not activate and the tug's fuel tank overflowed from the fuel vent to the deck before pouring over the edges into the lake. Sorbents were immediately applied to the deck following the release. The sheen spread 0.95 miles by 30 yards and very little of it was recoverable by the time response actions began. The majority of the lightly-oiled shoreline consists of rip-rap. In addition to the size and characteristics of the sheen, Ecology considered other reported details, including the amount of fuel remaining in the skid and the duration the employee's attention was away from the nozzle. Ecology estimates that approximately 26 gallons of diesel spilled to Lake Chelan.

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