

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	741369
Date of Incident:	09/07/2025
Potential Liable Party:	Marshall Benhard
Product Spilled:	Diesel/Marine Gas Oil
Spill Source:	<i>Cairdeas</i> (Recreational Vessel)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	1,873.37 Gallons
Water Body Affected:	Sinclair Inlet
Ecology Region:	NWRO
County:	Kitsap
Nearest City:	Gorst
Location of Spill:	Sinclair Inlet
Cause:	Unknown
Ecology Responder:	Robert Walls
Incident Summary:	On September 7, 2025, the 110-ft P/C <i>Cairdeas</i>, a WWII sub chaser converted into a yacht, sank at anchor in Sinclair Inlet. It began releasing diesel, prompting the US Coast Guard to hire a cleanup contractor to deploy containment boom around the area. Ecology responded and performed a drone survey and determined that the spill had drifted to the northern shoreline of Sinclair Inlet. Shoreline and drone surveys throughout the following week continued to observe areas of sheen and emulsified oil along the northern shoreline. Geographic Response Plans were deployed to keep oil out of some of the sensitive creek mouths. Focus Wildlife was activated during the response, but no acute fish or wildlife impacts were observed. The USCG issued an order for the vessel owner to come up with a salvage plan. However, the plan was insufficient, so the USCG hired Global Diving and Salvage to remove the fuel, and the vessel was then handed off to DNR for disposal. Global Diving plugged the fuel vents on September 10, limiting further fuel release to a minimal amount, if any. Meanwhile, Clean Harbors placed pom-poms along the shoreline to recover some of the oil and survey teams did not observe any new sheen along the shore. Global Diving finished placing slings underneath the <i>Cairdeas</i> on Friday, September 12, and the vessel was lifted by crane barge the following Saturday. The <i>Cairdeas</i> was towed to Port Townsend on Wednesday, September 24, where it was removed from the water. Ecology currently estimates that

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