

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 720275

Date of Incident: 01/18/2023

Potential Liable Party: Erik Renneke

Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (ULSD)

Spill Source: P/C SEA OTTER (Recreational Vessel)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 55 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Puget Sound - Commencement Bay

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Pierce

Nearest City: Tacoma

Location of Spill: 5618 Marine View Dr

Cause: Unknown

Ecology Responder: Courtney Serad

Incident Summary: On January 18, 2023, City of Tacoma employees were investigating a large rainbow sheen in Commencement Bay and discovered the P/C SEA OTTER sunk at Brown's Point Marina due to an unknown cause. The vessel owner's insurance contracted Global Diving and Salvage, who attempted to remove the on-board fuel, but found that the owner had installed fiberglass over the fuel fill ports and did not cut new holes for the ports. As fuel was unable to be removed, it continued to release from the tank vents. Ecology responders deployed sorbent material around the vessel as it could not be raised by Global until the following day. The vessel was raised on January 19 and removed from the water on January 20. Global weighed the contaminated sorbents and Ecology determined the total estimated volume spilled to be 55 gallons, with an estimated 52 gallons recovered by sorbents in the first 24 hours.