

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 723653

Date of Incident: 06/23/2023

Potential Liable Party: Tom Britton

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

Spill Source: Recreational Vessel, Model: Ocean Alexander

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 300 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Puget Sound

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: Kitsap

Nearest City: Hansville

Location of Spill: Foulweather Bluff

Cause: Fire

Ecology Responder: Robert Walls

Incident Summary: On June 23, 2023, USCG reported a vessel fire due to unknown causes with the potential to release up to 300 gallons of diesel to Puget Sound near Foulweather Bluff. The pleasure craft, owned by Thomas Britton, proceeded to sink in an estimated 25 feet of water. Mr. Britton worked with his insurance to hire TowBoat US to boom around the vessel and remove fuel while Global Diving and a salvage barge was scheduled the morning of June 24. However, the Global diver was unable to locate the vessel in water that was nearly 60 feet deep. Additional attempts to locate the vessel using sonar have also been unsuccessful and the vessel continues to be missing. All 300 gallons of diesel are presumed to have released.