

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 723829

Date of Incident: 07/01/2023

Potential Liable Party: William Phelps

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil, Hydraulic Oil, Lube Oil/Motor Oil

Spill Source: P/C LEESEAS (Recreational Vessel)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 30 Gallons Total (22 Diesel/Marine Gas Oil, 8 Lube Oil/Motor Oil)

Water Body Affected: Puget Sound

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: San Juan

Nearest City: Lopez Island

Location of Spill: South end of Lopez Island

Cause: Mechanical Failure

Ecology Responder: Robert Walls

Incident Summary: On July 1, 2023, the 38' yacht, LEESEAS, lost steering and grounded on the rocky shore of Flint Bay on the south side of Lopez Island. At the time of the incident, the vessel reportedly contained up to 150 gallons of diesel. The vessel owner worked with his insurance and hired TowBoatUS, who was able to recover a total of 128 gallons of diesel from the fuel tanks along with 2 gallons of hydraulic oil but did not have the equipment needed for vessel recovery. The owner then worked to hire Global Diving to provide a crane and barge for recovery. Global confirmed that the holding tanks for lube oil were fully ruptured and the engines had been flushed out by multiple tide cycles, resulting in an estimated 8 gallons of lube oil lost to Puget Sound in addition to an estimated 22 gallons of diesel. Global recovered the badly damaged vessel and it was relinquished to DNR through the voluntary turn-in program.