

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**ERTS#** 726857

**Date of Incident:** 11/20/2023

**Potential Liable Party:** Jeff Pechacek

**Product Spilled:** Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

**Spill Source:** PC GREY HERON (Recreational Vessel)

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 27 Gallons

**Water Body Affected:** Lake Union

**Ecology Region:** NWRO

**County:** King

**Nearest City:** Seattle

**Location of Spill:** Commercial Marine

**Cause:** Structural Failure

**Ecology Responder:** Agustina Cartagena-Mclean

**Incident Summary:** On November 20, 2023, Ecology received a report of a large rainbow sheen with an unknown source in Lake Union. The US Coast Guard responded from Seattle to investigate using a drone and determined the source of the release to be the P/C Grey Heron, one of two diesel-powered vessels moored at Commercial Marine. As USCG responders approached on foot, they noted a strong diesel odor and upon boarding the Grey Heron observed diesel pooled in the bilge. USCG assisted marina staff in placing sausage boom around the vessel and contacted the vessel's owner, Jeff Pechcek, who hired US Ecology for cleanup. Jeff Pachacek purchased the vessel around May of 2023 and estimated that the tanks contained around 130 gallons of diesel based on how much fuel the vessel had at the time of purchase, how much he had added, and how much fuel the vessel would have used. However, US Ecology recovered 225 gallons of diesel from the tanks. Based on the size and persistence of the sheen, USCG and Dept. of Ecology responders estimate that at least 27 to 30 gallons of diesel was pumped out of the bilge into Lake Union.