

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 727699

Date of Incident: 12/28/2023

Potential Liable Party: Everett Melish

Product Spilled: Diesel/Marine Gas Oil

Spill Source: *Maiad II* (Recreational Vessel)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 65 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Lewis River

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Cowlitz

Nearest City: Woodland-Cowlitz

Location of Spill: Woodland

Cause: Sinking/Loss Of Vessel

Ecology Responder: Ben Kastine

Incident Summary: On December 28, 2023, Ecology responded to a report of a sheen that appeared to be coming from the fuel vent of a sunken vessel on the Lewis River. The P/C MAIAD II had previously been reported as sunk with an estimated 200 gallons of diesel on board and had not been observed discharging up until this time. The owner of the vessel had been attempting to organize the recovery of his vessel, but had difficulty hiring a contractor due to flooding in the area. On January 4, 2024, Ballard Diving formulated a plan to use a crane to recover the MAIAD. On January 5, the owner requested assistance from the USCG and the project received federal funding. Ballard Diving was unable to recover the vessel, but they were able to remove 135 gallons of diesel. As of February 6, the vessel remains sunk and 65 gallons of diesel remains unaccounted for.