



U.S. COAST GUARD INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT FORM



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On July 15th, 2022 I received a phone call from the Sector Puget Sound Command Center, at 0530, of an 80 ft. yacht that caught on fire during the early morning and was discharging diesel due to the vessel sinking. The FOSCR, MST2 [REDACTED] and myself responded and were on scene at Gig Harbor within 90 minutes. I conducted a preliminary investigation and discovered that the name of the yacht was the PEGASUS, there was an estimated 300 gallons of red-dye diesel in the water, and the vessel had a max capacity of 1600 gallons. An owner was identified by the name of [REDACTED], and he stated that he had insurance. As we arrived on scene, we noticed the red-dye diesel being contained within the hard boom that the Pierce County Fire Department had placed around the vessel and the stern of the vessel was completely submerged with the visible portion haven taken heavy fire damage. There was a visible sheen on Gig Harbor, Puget Sound, and a navigable waterway of the United States. Global Diving and Salvage were hired by Washington Department of Ecology to conduct the cleanup operations. Sorbent pads were used inside the boom to recover the diesel. We also walked along the adjacent shoreline to determine the impact of the oil to the environment and to see if there was recoverable product, which there was not. I issued a Notice of Federal Interest to the responsible party and collected a witness statement from him and the Peninsula Yacht Basin Marina Manager. We witnessed the divers from Global Diving and Salvage enter the water and come to a conclusion that all the diesel fuel had escaped the vessel or burned in the fire. The FOSCR planned to monitor the clean-up process over the next few days with updates from Washington department of ecology.

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

Product Discharged: Diesel
Source: P/C PEGASUS
Navigable Waterway: Gig Harbor, WA

I have read my statement as documented above and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]
SIGNATURE

19 JULY 2022
DATE/TIME