

Emergency Enforcement Order Available for Public Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has issued an Emergency Enforcement Order (order) for the F/V (fishing vessels) *Helena Star* and *Golden West*. The order requires seven Potential Liable Parties (PLPs) to raise and remove the vessel *Helena Star*. Ecology may issue an enforcement order for the *Golden West* in the future.

Site Background

In January, the *Helena Star* sank and began to leak oil. Ecology and the US Coast Guard (USCG) responded to the spill. The USCG hired contractors to contain and clean up the spill. The *Helena Star* is still leaking oil into the Hylebos Waterway (see map on page 2).

When the *Helena Star* sank, it became entangled with the *Golden West*. At very low tide, the *Golden West* hits the tide flats. The *Golden West* is now at risk of sinking and releasing oil and other hazardous substances.

Order Requires *Helena Star* Removal

The order requires the PLPs to:

- Submit to Ecology a workplan to raise and remove the *Helena Star* from the water.
- Safely move the *Golden West* out of the way.
- Provide proof that they have completed the work.

If the PLPs do not file or carry out an acceptable work plan, Ecology can hire contractors to do the work and charge the PLPs.

Ecology Wants Your Comments

You are invited to review and comment on the Enforcement Order from April 11—May 13, 2013. Contacts and locations for site documents are listed to the right. Ecology will respond to comments after the comment period. The work may be done concurrently with the comment period.



The *Golden West* (left) and *Helena Star* in the Hylebos Waterway. Booms to contain leaking oil surround the two vessels. A sheen of oil is contaminating the waterway outside of the booms.

Comments Accepted

April 11—May 13, 2013

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Ecology's Cleanup Website
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/incidents/FV.HelenaStar.GoldenWest/FV.HelenaStar&GoldenWest.html>



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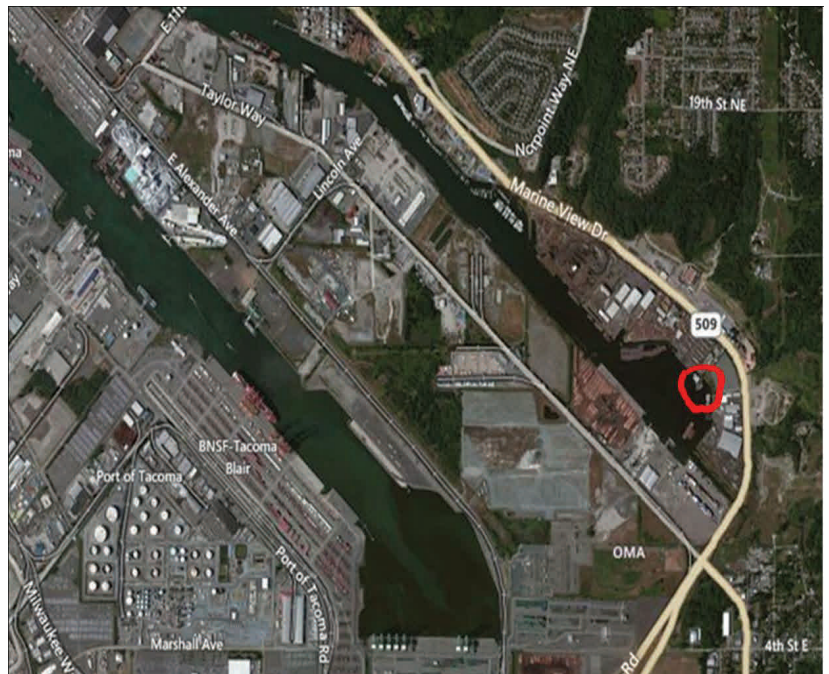
Ecology Seeks Public Comment on Emergency Enforcement Order

Public Comment Period:

April 11 through May 13, 2013

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Location of the *Helena Star* and *Golden West* (red border) at the head of the Hylebos Waterway in the Tacoma tideflats.