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Ecology and Coast Guard responding to boat fire in Roche Harbor on San Juan Island

SAN JUAN ISLAND - The state Department of Ecology (Ecology) and U.S. Coast Guard are responding to a fire on an 85-foot pleasure craft at the Roche Harbor marina on San Juan Island in case of an oil spill.

The Roche Harbor Marina deployed an oil spill containment boom in the marina as a precaution. And an on-scene spill-response contractor, Islands’ Oil Spill Association (IOSA), is standing by to perform any cleanup that may be needed.

At this time, no fuel has been reported as spilled, though firefighting debris remains in the water. The vessel has also been reported listing to the right at a 10 to 15-degree angle.

The Coast Guard has issued a 100-yard safety zone around the vessel.

Ecology is coordinating its response with local fire, law enforcement and emergency management agencies and with the U.S. Coast Guard. Ecology will join IOSA at the scene later this afternoon.

Customs and Border Protection is requesting that vessels within the area proceed to Friday Harbor for customs clearance.

Cause of the fire is unknown.