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**Ecology and U.S. Coast Guard responding to boat fire and gasoline spill in Roche Harbor, WA**

(Olympia) – The state Department of Ecology and the U.S. Coast Guard are responding to a gas leak resulting from a boat fire in the Roche Harbor Marina on San Juan Island in San Juan County, Washington.

The vessel fire was reported to the Coast Guard at about 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Three boats were involved in the fire; one has been towed and secured, two are underwater. No people were reported to be on board any of the boats. One of the sunken vessels contains approximately 30 gallons of fuel and the other contains about 200 gallons of fuel. The latter vessel is actively leaking gasoline.

State and federal authorities have responders and investigators at the site. Ecology placed about 50 feet of boom around the leaked fuel and is continuing to use absorbent pads to soak up as much gasoline as possible. Other responders include the San Juan County Fire Department and the Roche Harbor Marina staff. The Island Oil Spill Association supplied absorbent materials to assist in the cleanup effort.

At this time, Ecology and the Coast Guard are working to prevent the gasoline from spreading, while also continuing to protect people and structures from volatile fumes.

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