Coast Guard responds to sinking vessel in La Push, Wash.

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SEATTLE - The Coast Guard responded to a sinking fishing vessel in the Quileute Marina in La Push, Wash., Thursday.

At approximately 4:30 a.m., while underway for a bar patrol, a 47-motor lifeboat crew from Coast Guard Station Quillayute River, Wash., discovered the 48-foot fishing vessel Miss Clarissa sinking at its pier. The motor lifeboat crew took the vessel in tow and relocated it away from the harbor entrance.

In this photo released by the Coast Guard, the fishing vessel Miss Clarissa sits below the surface after it sunk dockside at the Quileute Marina in La Push, Wash., July 2, 2009. (Coast Guard photo/Air Station Port Angeles)

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The vessel was reported to have four-hundred gallons of fuel onboard at the time of its sinking.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., personnel from Station Quillayute River reported evidence of a sheen.

The Quileute Marina Harbor Master surrounded the sunken vessel with a preventative boom on the surface of the water to contain any leaking fuel.

The owner/operator of the Miss Clarissa and Quileute Marina Harbor Master are making arrangements through a private contractor to salvage the vessel.

The cause of the vessel sinking is unknown at this time.