

NOAA Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Case Study



F/V King Edward

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Vessel Overview

Name: King Edward

Incident: Vessel abandonment, case number 1026.

Date reported: July 10, 2012

Vessel type: Fishing vessel

Vessel ID#: 642162

Hull material: Wood

Length: 65 ft.

Vessel Location

Location: Matagorda County, TX

Site Name(s): W&W Docks

General description of location: Dockside

Coordinates: Lat. 28 42' 0" Long. 96 13' 42"

Average Site Depth: N/A

Habitat/Substrate Type Impacted: Sheltered manmade structure, sheltered riprap structure, exposed walls and other solid structures in the marina.

Jurisdictions: Matagorda County Navigation District #1

Incident Narrative

History: The vessel was brought to the attention of the Texas General Land Office as a vessel of potential abandonment. The owner of the vessel initially leased dock space from W&W Docks, and then abandoned the vessel. As the leasing agent, W&W Dock repeatedly requested the owner to pump-out the vessel at the local bilge reclamation facility in order to keep the vessel afloat. The marina was unable to reach owner after utilizing all existing avenues available to them. On 7/10/12 vessel was been stripped of fuel tanks, engines, transmission and a lawsuit was instigated against the vessel owner by W&W Docks.

Lead agency or organization: Texas General Land Office

Other collaborators/stakeholders involved: Matagorda County Navigation District

Funding source(s): Funding was provided by the Texas General Land Office and Matagorda County.

Threats from ADV

Environmental: None identified because it was docked in a marina.

Critical habitats involved: None.

Public safety and health: None identified.

Navigation: Vessel was docked and not a navigation hazard.

Commerce: The vessel was docked and was not a navigation hazard but did take up leased space.

Aesthetic: None identified.



F/V Leading Lady and F/V Kupreanof



Vessel Removal Actions

Start date: November 19, 2014

End date: December 15, 2014

Removal options considered: MOA with Contractor.

Environmental Considerations: None

Removal Methods: Haul out, destruction and proper disposal in landfill.

Authorities used to take Possession of Vessels: Matagorda County took possession as an abandoned vessel.

Permits Required: None

Salvage Contractor(s): Lagasse Marine Ways

Contractor Selection Process: N/A

Approximate removal costs: \$20,000

Additional types of debris removed: None

Vessel Disposal Process/Issues: Vessel was hauled out and disposed of without any major issues.

Project Challenges

No major challenges were faced during the removal and disposal of this vessel.

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