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.
**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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