

Françoise (2017)

Location: Clarenville, NL

Case number: 120-725-R

The Incident

On September 23, 2017, the fishing vessel *Françoise* was reported as dragging anchor in Clarenville Harbour, NL. The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) responded, contracting a tug to tow the vessel to safety.

As of October 2017, the owner of the *Françoise* had reportedly made arrangements for the vessel to be dismantled at Clarenville. On November 30, CCG informed the Office of the Administrator that the owner of the vessel was having difficulty making arrangements to remove the vessel from the water for dismantlement. CCG stood by at this time in a monitoring role.

In February 2019, CCG advised the Office of the Administrator that the bulk of pollutants had been removed from the vessel and that it had subsequently been towed to Glovertown, NL, where it was to be removed from the water and dismantled. CCG also advised that the local shipyard had made a written commitment to dismantle the vessel as soon as possible. Finally, the owner of the vessel had undertaken to pay the costs of towing and dismantlement.

Measures taken by the Administrator

In September 2018, the Office of the Administrator contacted CCG seeking information on the ownership of the vessel, which was provided. In September 2018, a professional locator service was engaged to complete a locate and asset search on the owner. Exigible assets have been identified.

In November 2018, the Administrator engaged a professional marine surveyor to assess the status of the vessel and any pollution threat it posed. The survey report was received in December 2018.

The Claim

As of March 31, 2019, no claim has been filed with the Administrator. CCG has informed the Office of the Administrator that it will submit a claim in April 2019.

Status

The file remains open.

Related Files

Sikuk (2017), file 120-712-R (same date and location, same type of incident, i.e. ship dragging anchor, same potential claimant).