

## *Lady M. II (2017)*

Location: Ladysmith, BC  
Case number: 120-805-C1

### The Incident

On March 13, 2017, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) was notified that a 50-foot vessel, later identified as the *Lady M. II*, a converted wooden live-aboard, had partially sunk off Dunsmuir Island, near Ladysmith, BC. The vessel was reported as upwelling pollutants.

CCG, assisted by the Stz'uminus First Nation, made several attempts to locate and contact the owner of the vessel but these were unsuccessful. CCG contracted Saltair Marine Services Ltd (Saltair) for an initial response and to "size up the vessel for a possible salvage". Saltair proceeded to deploy absorbent booms.

On March 14, 2017, three CCG Environmental Response personnel were dispatched to assess the situation. They observed oil sheen around the vessel both inside and outside the boomed area. The decision was made to have the vessel raised and removed, as it contained unknown quantities of pollutants and was apparently abandoned. Saltair was further contracted to this end.

Saltair raised the vessel under CCG supervision on the evening of March 14, 2017 and removed it from the water at its facility in Ladysmith. CCG made further unsuccessful attempts to locate the vessel's owner.

On March 30, 2017, CCG contracted Building Sea Marine Ltd (BSM) to conduct a survey on the vessel. Based on the results of the survey, CCG decided to deconstruct the oil-saturated vessel. Saltair began deconstruction on April 3, 2017 and completed this operation by April 5. Disposal of the remaining waste absorbents and pollutants from the vessel was done on April 11.

### The Claim

On February 7, 2019, the CCG, acting on behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO/CCG), filed a claim with the Administrator for costs and expenses incurred in the amount of \$32,388.76, pursuant to section 103 of the *Marine Liability Act*.

The Administrator determined that the claim was admissible under Part 7 of the Act.

### Assessment and Offer

As of March 31, 2019, the claim was still under assessment.

### Status

The file remains open.