

No Name (2018)

Location: Sandy Cove, NS
Case number: 120-828-C1

The Incident

On September 26, 2018, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) received a report that a 30-foot unnamed fishing vessel was partially submerged alongside a wharf at Sandy Cove, NS. The vessel had apparently been undergoing repairs. According to the report, the owner had been informed and intended to have the vessel removed from the water. A “small slick” was observed around the vessel at this time.

In the afternoon, an Environmental Response (ER) team of two specialists was dispatched from the CCG base at Dartmouth to the scene. The ER team arrived on scene at 15:00 and observed that there was a boom set up around the vessel. There was a mostly non-recoverable sheen both inside and outside the boom.

At 15:30, the ER specialists noted that a contractor had arrived on scene to right and refloat the vessel. A further plan was in place to move the vessel above the high tide line and pump her of pollutants. The contractor appears to have been engaged at the owner’s expense. At 16:20, the ER team left the scene of the incident. On September 27, 2018, the CCG was informed that the vessel had been successfully removed from the marine environment and was to be deconstructed.

The Claim

On November 26, 2018, the Administrator received a claim in the amount of \$1,157.98 from the CCG behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO/CCG) in respect of the incident for monitoring costs (salaries, travel and administration expenses) pursuant to the *Marine Liability Act*. The Administrator determined that the claim was admissible under Part 7 of the Act.

Assessment and Offer

On February 7, 2019, after investigation and assessment of the claim, the Administrator made an offer to CCG for the established amount of \$1,157.98, plus interest, pursuant to section 105 of the Act. The offer was accepted on February 12, 2019 and, on February 14, 2019, a payment in the amount of \$1,176.38 including interest was made to CCG.

Recovery Action

On February 28, 2018, Office of the Administrator contacted CCG seeking further information about the owner of the vessel. Counsel for the administrator will send a demand letter.

Status

The file remains open.