

No Name (Ship) (2017)

Location: Wellington Point Park, Ladner River, B.C.

Case number: 120-729-C1

The Incident

On January 14, 2017, an unnamed vessel, apparently sinking at Wellington Point Park, Ladner River, British Columbia, came to the attention of the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) from a concerned citizen. The CCG responded and the vessel was pumped out and determined to be safe to leave in the water. The boat was secured to a log boom in the vicinity, and the rescue crews departed the scene. The next day, the vessel became the subject of a pollution report.

The owner proved difficult to contact so the CCG took the initiative to have the vessel removed from the water. On January 16, 2017, the CCG contracted a salvage company and the same day the salvor was on scene with a barge and crew. The vessel was raised and beached in order to effect repairs prior to being towed on January 17, to a nearby marina where it was removed from the water with a marine travelift.

The Claim

On November 10, 2017, a claim was filed with the Administrator by the CCG on behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO/CCG) for costs and expenses in the amount of \$7,650.03 made pursuant to the *Marine Liability Act*.

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

Assessment and Offer

On November 28, 2017, after investigation and assessment of the claim, the Administrator made an offer to the CCG for the established amount of \$7,650.03, plus interest, pursuant to section 105 of the Act.

On December 13, 2017, the offer was accepted by CCG. Once accepted, interest on the claim was deemed to be in the amount of \$218.81.

On December 20, 2017, the Administrator directed payment of the amount of \$7,868.84 (which included \$218.81 accrued interests) to DFO/CCG.

Recovery Action

All reasonable efforts have been taken to recover payments of compensation without any success as there was no registered owner and the vessel was removed from the marine environment, therefore, on the recommendation of legal counsel, the Administrator decided to stop the recovery action and to close the file.

Status:

The file was closed on April 12, 2018.