

## **Persephone II (2017)**

Location: Deep Bay, BC  
Case number: 120-830-C1

### **The Incident**

On January 5, 2017, the Deep Bay Harbour Authority notified the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) at Victoria that a dilapidated wooden vessel (later identified as the *Persephone II*) had slipped her moorings and grounded sometime over the night. CCG Victoria dispatched an Environmental Response (ER) team to the site on January 6, 2017. The ER team found that the vessel was a 40-foot ex-fishing vessel. She was listing and there were large quantities of oils in her bilges. The ER team was unable to open the vessel's fuel tanks to determine their contents.

Given the likelihood that the vessel would break up, the sensitivity of the area, and the unknown quantity of pollutants aboard, CCG opted to remove the vessel from the water. Before CCG left the scene on January 6, the vessel was secured to the shore and stabilized to the extent possible. A number of sorbent booms were deployed on January 6.

Given its proximity to the vessel, Sawchuck Pile Driving Ltd was contracted to remove her from the marine environment. Sawchuck took a number of days to mobilize the necessary equipment, as it was tied up on another job. In the meantime, CCG personnel from a nearby station were on scene to monitor the vessel.

On January 9, 2017, Sawchuck, acting under CCG supervision, towed the vessel to Union Bay, removed her from the water, and deconstructed her. No survey was conducted, given the unseaworthy state of the vessel and the apparent oil-saturation of her planks.

### **The Claim**

On December 3, 2018, the CCG, 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 \$11,345.17, 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**

On February 7, 2019, after investigation and assessment of the claim, the Administrator made an offer to CCG for the established amount of \$11,345.17, 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 \$12,137.86 including interest was made to CCG.

### **Recovery Action**

As of March 31, 2019, the Administrator was trying to locate the owner in order to send him a demand letter.

## **Status**

The file remains open.