

Stelie II (2016)

Location: Port Saunders, Newfoundland

Case number: 120-687-R

The Incident

On March 24, 2016, the *Stelie II*, a 90-foot wooden fishing vessel, built in 1963, broke free of its moorings at the Northern Boat Repair facility in the harbour of Port Saunders, Newfoundland and caused damage to the dock. The vessel had a severe starboard list and was taking on water. There was diesel fuel, lubricating oils and other hydraulic oils on board, and oil was seen on the ice around the vessel. On March 29, 2016, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) informed the Administrator of the incident and advised that the *Stelie II* was a potential oil pollution threat.

CCG issued a Direction Order to the owner, who failed to respond as directed. As a result, CCG took the necessary measures to control the incident. The response personnel, who boarded the vessel, found that the engine room was nearly full of water. The vessel was subsequently dewatered and removed from the marine environment to prevent it from sinking altogether. When it was placed on the wharf, the vessel was found to have sustained damage to both its bow and stern.

The Claim

On May 1, 2018, the Administrator received the first part of a claim for costs and expenses incurred by CCG on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. As this submission represented only part of CCG's response, the Administrator's in-house counsel advised CCG that the file would be held in abeyance pending receipt of the full claim. In addition, counsel informed CCG that the applicable five-year time bar would not be suspended as a result of its partial claim submission.

Status

The file remains open.

Related file

Baffin Sound (file 120-685-C1): same owner.