Update: Hibernia response continues

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St. John’s, Newfoundland: Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) is continuing response efforts regarding a release from the platform on July 17.

Six third-party wildlife observers continue to monitor for wildlife from vessels and overflights. A report was received the evening of July 23 of one oiled bird, thought to be a Greater Shearwater, observed from the Keewatin. The bird appeared to be oiled, but the crew was unable to retrieve the bird. This is the fourth oiled bird spotted since the release on July 17.

The bird that was retrieved on July 21, a Common Murre, has stabilized and continues to undergo treatment at the seabird rehabilitation centre.

Today we had six vessels in the field supporting mechanical recovery and wildlife monitoring. The number of responders varies daily. We have more than 200 people responding today onshore and offshore, with the majority being offshore.

Observations from PAL surveillance flights, helicopter surveillance flights, and the vessels indicate concentrations of oil have decreased. Decrease in the sheen can be attributed to natural degradation and efforts for mechanical collection.

HMDC is providing regular updates to mariners. Fishers are reminded of the fisheries claims process and any fishers who believe they have gear impacted can contact us.

Production remains shut in. HMDC is continuing its investigation. More information will be released when it becomes available.

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