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. 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 approximately 200 people responding today onshore and offshore, with the majority being offshore.

Visibility offshore today has been low due to weather conditions, however, observations from PAL surveillance flights, helicopter surveillance flights, satellite imagery, and the vessels continue to 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 when required. Any fishers who believe they’ve been impacted by the discharge can contact Hibernia at the numbers provided below.

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

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