Update: Hibernia response continues

Date: July 28, 2019
Time: 5:00 p.m. (Newfoundland time)

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

Today we have five vessels in the field supporting response efforts. Six third-party wildlife observers continue to monitor for wildlife from vessels and overflights. Regrettably, the Common Murre retrieved on July 21 that was undergoing treatment at the seabird rehabilitation centre did not survive. HMDC takes safety and protection of the environment very seriously and we are working diligently to minimize impacts on the environment.

Observations from surveillance flights, satellite imagery, and the vessels indicate concentrations of oil continue to decrease, therefore we have commenced demobilization of vessels in consultation with the appropriate agencies. Decrease in the sheen can be attributed to natural degradation and efforts for mechanical collection and dispersion. Demobilization of vessels will continue over the coming days, with wildlife observation and water sampling continuing.

HMDC provided an update to mariners today. Any further notice to mariners will only be provided if we have information that indicates it is necessary. 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.

Media contact: Contact for fisheries claims process:
Lynn Evans
HMDC From 0200-1400 call 1.709.746.3748
Lynn.evans@exxonmobil.com
1.709.273.1583
From 1400-0200 call 1.709.986.0779