Date: July 29, 2019
Time: 4:00 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 four vessels in the field supporting response efforts. Six third-party wildlife observers continue to monitor for wildlife from vessels and overflights. A fifth oiled bird, a Storm Petrel, was spotted and recovered yesterday evening. Regrettably, the bird 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. The decrease 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.

Notices to Mariners will only be provided if we have information that indicates it is necessary. A Notice to Mariners was not required today. Any fishers who believe they’ve been impacted by the discharge can contact HMDC 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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