Update: Hibernia response continues

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Time: 3:00 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.

There are currently seven support vessels in the field. Today, the Atlantic Merlin and the Paul A Sacuta continued use of single vessel side sweep systems and the Atlantic Shrike and the Atlantic Kestrel’s used mechanical recovery equipment to collect the water and oil mixture.

Eight third-party wildlife observers continue to monitor for wildlife from vessels and overflights. To date, there have been reports of three oiled birds in the area. The bird sightings were reported to the appropriate regulatory and government agencies. One was recovered, transported onshore by helicopter, and is currently being treated at the seabird rehabilitation center.

A deceased bird was discovered on deck of a vessel during routine observations today. The bird was not oiled but will be transported onshore. There have been no other reports of impacted wildlife.

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.

All platform personnel are safe.

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

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