

Compensation After an Oil Spill from a Ship or Boat: Fisheries Checklist

! *This checklist is for those working in the fishing sectors, aquaculture, and related activities. Incorporating the suggested steps below directly into your response can simplify the claims process afterward.*

Ship and Rail Compensation Canada manages two funds: the Ship Fund and the Rail Fund.

The [Ship Fund](#) compensates anyone affected by oil spills from ships or boats in Canadian waters.

1. What criteria must be met for the Ship Fund to accept your claim?

<p>A. Was the oil spill caused by a ship or boat?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery spills can also be compensated when the source of a spill is not clear. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>B. Claims are submitted within two years of the incident.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered “yes” to both questions, compensation may be available from the Ship Fund. If you are unsure, you should contact us.

- More information on our eligibility criteria can be found on our website.

2. What types of damages and losses are covered?

Fishers and aquaculturists can be compensated for all of the following damages and losses.

One claimant can suffer multiple types of damages and losses—check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Response and clean-up costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples: Usage of sorbent materials, spill kits, or oil boom | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic loss (including future losses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples: Lost wages or profits caused by fisheries closures, reduced yields, or decreased demand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples: Restoration projects to repopulate an affected fishing area; post-spill environmental monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence losses and some cultural losses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples: Cost of the replacement of fish or animal skins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property damage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples: Oil-contaminated equipment, catch, stock, or other produce | <input type="checkbox"/> Costs to compile a claim

<input type="checkbox"/> Other: contact us to discuss further. |

Contact and resources for more information:

Website: www.ship-rail.gc.ca/ship | Email: info@sr-nr.gc.ca | Phone: 1-866-991-1727

3. How to claim?

Steps	Description	Step Status Update (complete, in progress, or pending)
1	<p>Document your damages, losses, expenses and/or costs, as well as decisions you have made, as soon as possible. Ideally, this is part of your incident management process. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contracts, statements of work, price quotes, invoices, and receipts • details of your fishing or harvesting rights (e.g., license or constitutional right) • financial records and tax documentation • sales predictions, contracts, or quotas • fishing or harvesting yield data for comparison purposes • appraisals, assessments, and survey reports • photographs and maps • incident action plans, logbooks, and correspondence 	
2	<p>Before you submit your claim, ensure it addresses the following key points. Look for our forms and manuals on our website for additional help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the ship or boat that caused the incident, or note that the source of the spill is not known. • Describe the actions you took in response and why. • Detail the extent of the damage and/or losses you incurred. • Specify the amount you spent and why. • Provide evidence to support your claim (see Step 1). 	
3	<p>Submit your claim by email or by mail to us.</p>	

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