HOW DO I GET COMPENSATION FOR A SHIP-SOURCE OIL SPILL

In Canada, the polluter pays. The ship and cargo owner are responsible even if the pollution is accidental. After an incident, a claim can be made to the shipowner or their insurer. If a shipowner's liability doesn't cover all eligible claims, international and domestic funds funded by the oil industry are available. Anyone in Canada who has suffered damage or experienced losses from ship-source oil pollution can file a claim with Canada's Ship-source Oil Pollution Fund. If your claim is eligible, you will be compensated.

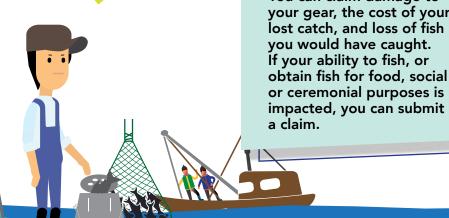




Eligible claims include:

- pollution prevention measures
- clean-up costs
- property damage
- fishing and tourism losses
- subsistence losses (i.e.food sources)
- environmental remediation costs

My fishing gear and catch were damaged by a spill, what can I claim?



How long do I have to submit a claim? You can claim damage to your gear, the cost of your



Claims are accepted up to 2 years from the date of damage, but no more than 5 years after the incident. If your claim is under \$35,000 and is submitted within 1 year after the incident, you can be compensated within 60 days.

What do I need to submit a claim?

Your claim must describe the incident and your loss or damage. Your claim should include documents, like:

- Invoices
- Photographs
- Explanatory notes
- Account ledgers



Where does the money come from?



Canada's Ship-source Oil Pollution Fund is funded by the oil industry. Once a claim is paid, the amount is recovered from the polluter and returned to the Fund for future claims.

If we determine that a ship-source spill is a crime, meaning that the ship intentionally polluted or acted carelessly, the shipowner can be taken to court and fined.



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