

PROTOCOL FOR COLLECTING DEAD BIRDS FROM INDUSTRIAL SITES (FOR BIRDS THAT ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A POLLUTION EVENT)

Anyone collecting migratory birds must be a nominee on an existing federal salvage permit

Dead birds are occasionally found on industrial sites, ships or platforms offshore. If more than 10 birds are found dead in the same event, they need to be collected and sent ashore to Environment and Climate Change Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service (ECCC-CWS). This will help us determine the cause of death.

- 1) While wearing disposable gloves, place dead bird in a plastic bag and tie shut. Whenever possible, birds should be placed individually in a plastic bag or wrapped in aluminum foil. *If bird is oiled, it is important to wrap in foil and place in its own bag (see Protocol for collecting oiled birds during an oil spill response).*
- 2) Write directly on the bag with permanent marker OR attach a label to the bag with the following information:
 - i. Date the bird was collected
 - ii. Location of where the bird was found (e.g., name of fixed platform or location of vessel)
 - iii. Name and contact information of person who collected the bird
 - iv. Identification of the bird, if possible (e.g., gull, petrel, songbird, etc.)
 - v. Any other information that might be relevant (e.g., fog conditions, wind, etc.)
- 3) Store bag(s) in a cool place (e.g., outdoors during winter or in cooler with ice packs) that is sheltered from scavenging birds. Freeze birds if they are to be retained for more than several days.
- 4) If birds cannot be brought ashore, document the incident on the datasheet provided. *Note: All birds associated with a pollution event, and all birds associated with any incident where more than 10 birds are found in the same event, need to be collected and sent ashore.*
- 5) After removing and disposing of gloves, thoroughly wash hands with disinfecting soap.

Once ashore, make arrangements with ECCC-CWS to pick up stored bag(s). To arrange collection in Newfoundland and Labrador call 709-772-7456 (Kim Mawhinney) or 709-764-1957 (Sabina Wilhelm) and in Nova Scotia call 902-426-9641 (Carina Gjerdrum) or 902-426-1900 (Andrew Boyne).

