

Presentation of Investigation Report

Disappearance at Sea
Of a Listugumi'qmaq First Nation Council Fisher's Helper
August 14, 2014 at 8 nautical miles south of Port-Cartier

CSST - Direction régionale de la Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine



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Description of Accident

Around 3:00 a.m. on August 14, 2014, a fisher's helper fell overboard from a shrimp trawler, the Marie-Simon I, about 8 nautical miles south of Port-Cartier, while handling the trawl.



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Description of Accident Site



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Causes of Accident

Two causes have been identified:

- **Because of the design of the Marie Simon I's fishing deck, the fisher's helper had to stand on the shrimp hold while releasing redfish back into the sea, putting him at risk of falling overboard.**
- **While the fisher's helper was releasing redfish back into the sea, he lost balance and fell overboard.**



Corrective Measures

On August 14, 2014, the CSST prohibited fishing from the Marie-Simon I. The CSST required the employer to take necessary measures to protect workers from falling overboard before resuming fishing activities.

On August 22, 2014, the CSST allowed work to resume for the following reasons: workers were required to wear lifejackets during trawl hauling and hoisting operations. Workers standing on the shrimp hold when the choker was being released were required to be attached by harness to an anchor point on the boat and wear a lifejacket.



Follow-Ups to Investigation

The CSST will advise the following partners of the circumstances of this accident: the Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et sécurité du travail (IRSST), the Canada Transportation Safety Board (TSB), Quebec Region standing committee on fishing Vessel Safety - Transport Canada, Transports Canada, Marine Safety Branch, captain-owner associations, Québec fishers' helpers associations and shipyards.

The CSST report will highlight the importance of establishing resources to prevent fishers' assistants from falling overboard, particularly with respect to designing the bridge to prevent a need to work on the shrimp hold.

As part of its partnership with the CSST in incorporating OHS in vocational and technical training, the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport will distribute the investigation report for information and teaching purposes to institutions that provide training pertaining to fisheries or shipbuilding.



Questions and Answers

