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For the attention of all Masters, Skippers, Vessel Operators and Crews of Fishing Vessels

Safety on Fishing Vessels

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to bring to the attention of all fishing vessel operators a recent report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board into the marine casualty involving the fishing vessel “MFV Ainmire”. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board at www.mcib.ie.

The report made a number of recommendations and the Department wishes to remind operators of the recommendations made as follows:

- That large sea-water inlets in the engine rooms of vessels such as the “MFV Ainmire” makes them vulnerable to severe flooding if they fail. It is recommended that these pipes should be checked for signs of corrosion annually, particularly around the welded joint at the hull. Periodic ultrasonic thickness testing of the pipes between the hull and valve should be considered.
- Stray currents can rapidly erode pipework and electrical equipment connected to them and should be checked regularly.
- The report also recommended that location and arrangements of bilge pumping arrangements in a flooded engine room situation should be considered.
- Owners of all vessels have a legal obligation to operate their vessels in accordance with the law and must make themselves aware of the regulations applicable. Owners and skippers should obtain and read the relevant Marine Notices available on the Department’s website, www.dttas.ie.

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