

Court of Claims of Ohio

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HERBERT J. CHUCK

Plaintiff

v.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Defendant

Case No. 2008-09317-AD

Deputy Clerk Daniel R. Borchert

MEMORANDUM DECISION

FINDINGS OF FACT

{¶ 1} 1) On June 12, 2008, a boat owned by plaintiff, Herbert J. Chuck, was damaged by an unmarked dredge line while navigating in the channel of the marina at Geneva Lake State Park, a facility operated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Consequently, plaintiff filed this complaint seeking to recover \$783.13, the cost of boat repair. The filing fee was paid.

{¶ 2} 2) Defendant filed an investigation report acknowledging plaintiff stated a claim under Chapter 2743 of the Ohio Revised Code. Defendant agreed plaintiff suffered property damage in the amount of \$783.13 and filing fee costs in the amount of \$25.00. Defendant advised that any collateral source payment plaintiff received for boat repair costs must be deducted from any damage award.¹

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

¹ R.C. 2743.02(D) provides in part:

“(D) Recoveries against the state shall be reduced by the aggregate of insurance proceeds,

{¶ 3} 1) Negligence on the part of defendant has been shown. *Slane v. Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources*, Ct. of Cl. No. 2006-04288-AD, 2006-Ohio-7297; *Fisher v. Geneva Lake State Marina*, Ct. of Cl. No. 2008-09538-AD, 2008-Ohio-7135.

{¶ 4} 2) Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$783.13, plus the \$25.00 filing fee which may be reimbursed as compensable costs pursuant to R.C. 2335.19. See *Bailey v. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction* (1990), 62 Ohio Misc. 2d 19, 587 N.E. 2d 990.

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ENTRY OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION

Having considered all the evidence in the claim file and, for the reasons set forth in the memorandum decision filed concurrently herewith, judgment is rendered in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$808.13, which includes the filing fee. Court costs are assessed against defendant.

disability award, or other collateral recovery received by the claimant."

DANIEL R. BORCHERT
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