

OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

Overview of the National Strategy to Address Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels National Engagement Discussions

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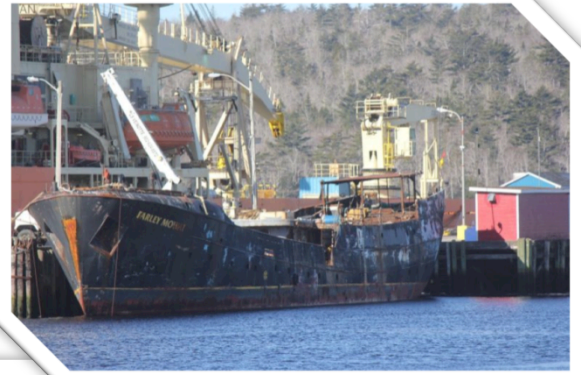
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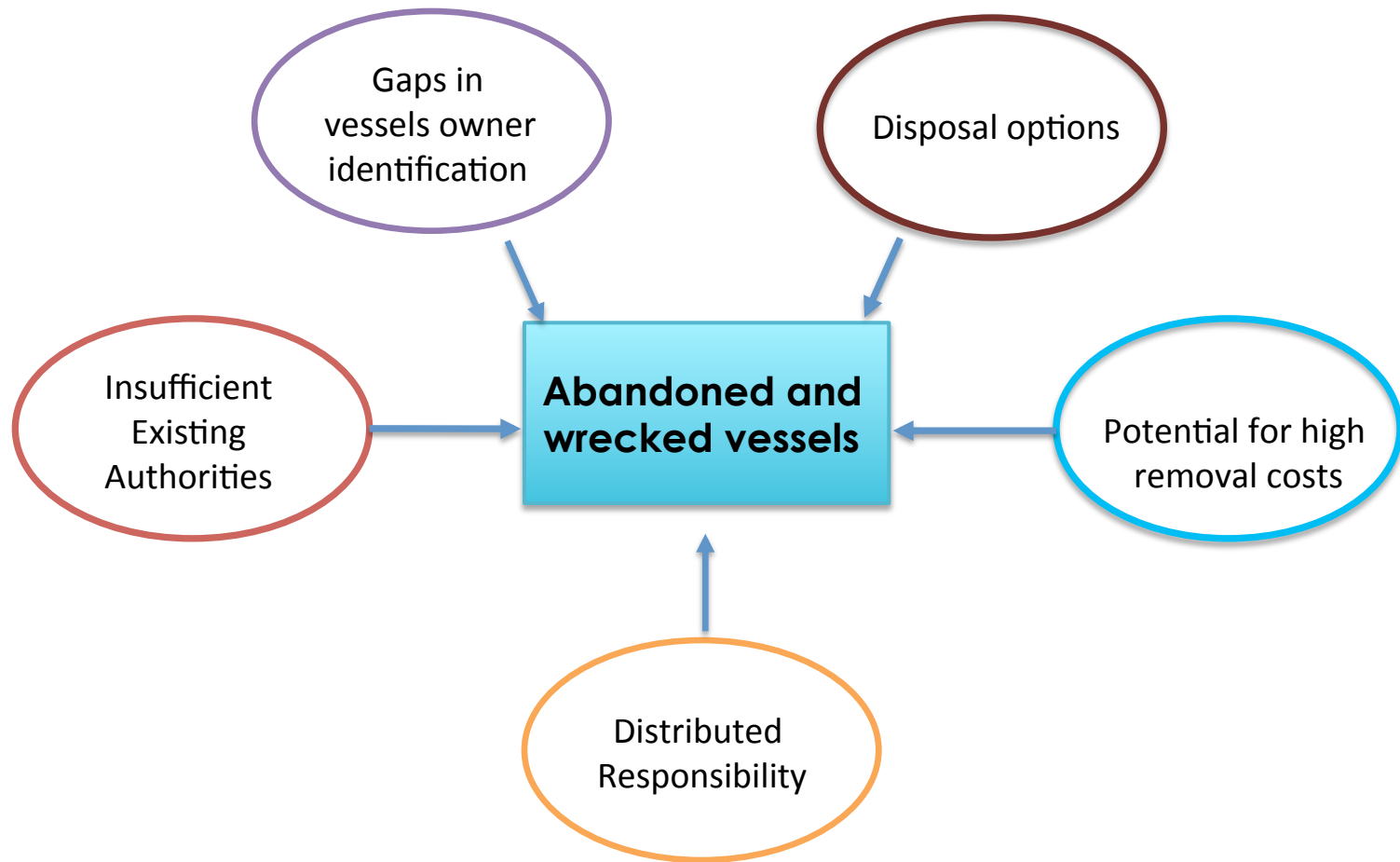
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Purpose

To discuss the various elements of the **National Strategy to Address Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels** and **next steps** in their implementation



Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels is a Complex Issue



Objectives of the National Strategy



To Reduce the Number of Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels in Canadian Waters by:



Preventing the occurrence of new problem vessels



Making progress in cleaning up existing problem vessels

Prevention Measures that Enhance Owner Responsibility



New legislation – Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act

(Transport Canada & Canadian Coast Guard)



Improve vessel owner identification

(Transport Canada)



Education and outreach

(Transport Canada)



Support research on vessel recycling and design for environment

(Transport Canada)

The *Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act* was Introduced on October 30, 2017



Current federal authorities are limited to addressing impacts arising from problem vessels with no proactive mandates or prohibition on vessel abandonment

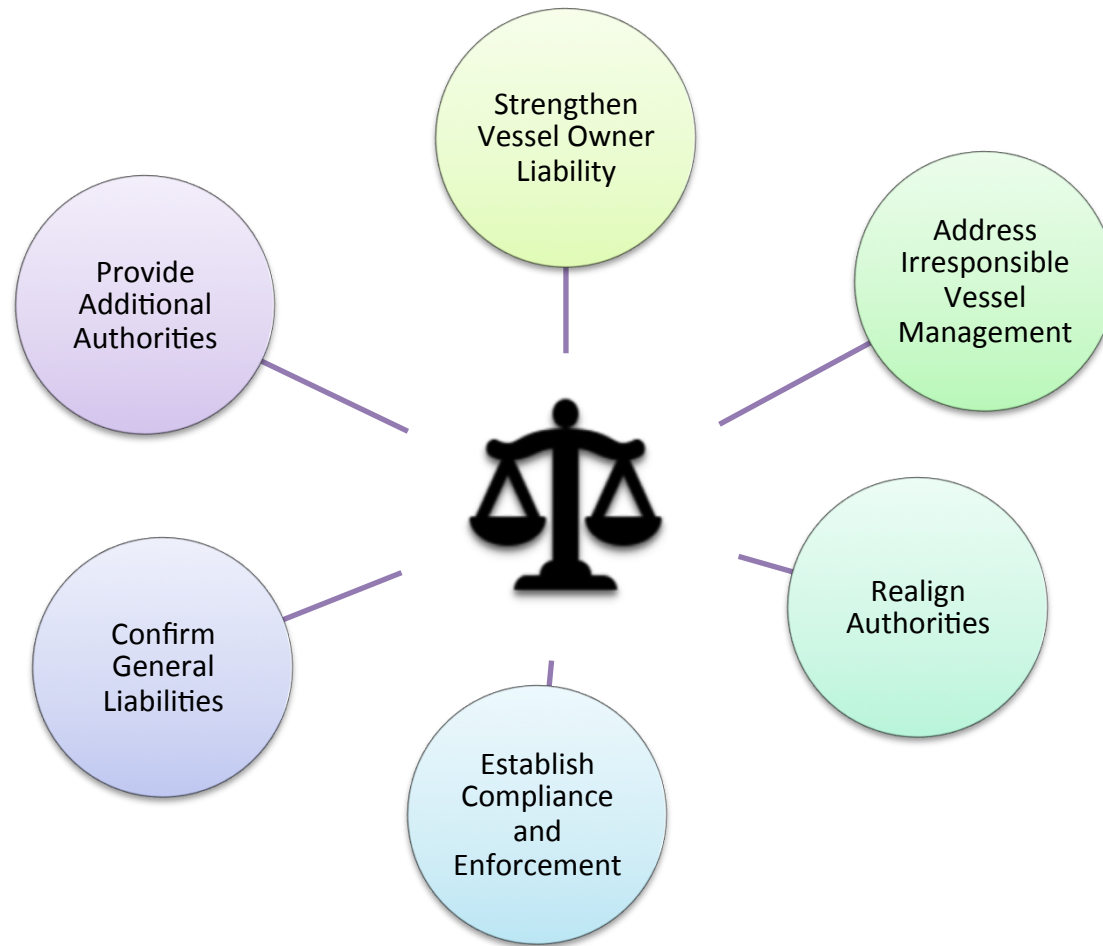


Address gaps in current legislation; enhance protection of coastal and shoreline communities, the environment, infrastructure; and reduce the burden on taxpayers



Adopts the *Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007*

What is the *Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act*?



Enhance Vessel Owner Identification



Developing options to **enhance pleasure craft licencing** working together with provinces and territories



Study ways to enhance the **commercial vessel registration system**

Progress in Cleaning up Canadian Coasts and Waterways



Develop a national inventory of problem vessels with risk methodology

(Canadian Coast Guard)



Assess known high-risk large vessels

(Canadian Coast Guard)



Support the removal of highest risk smaller legacy vessels

(Transport Canada & Fisheries and Oceans Canada)



Development of long-term owner-financed funds to remediate abandoned and wrecked vessels

(Transport Canada & Canadian Coast Guard)

National Inventory



To track and report on all problem vessels in Canadian waters



To identify the scope and the scale of the issue within Canadian waters

Risk Methodology



To prioritize and rank problem vessels across Canada to inform assessment, monitoring and remediation plans

Support for Priority Small Vessel Clean Up

Abandoned Boats Program (ABP) Transport Canada



Assessment and Removals \$5.6M over 5 years (2017-2022)

Education, Awareness, and Research Components \$1.25M (\$750k for E&A and \$500k for research)

Small Craft Harbours Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program Fisheries and Oceans Canada



Removals and Disposals in Small Craft Harbours \$1.3 Million over 5 years (2017-2022)

Long-term Owner-Financed Options for Problem Vessels



Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard have launched national engagement on options for establishing vessel owner contributed funds to clean up Canadian waters



All Governments have an Important Role to Play

Federal Government

Indigenous groups



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