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

Transport Canada
Canadian Coast Guard
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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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

- Insufficient Existing Authorities
- Gaps in vessels owner identification
- Disposal options
- Potential for high removal costs
- Distributed Responsibility

Abandoned and wrecked vessels
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

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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.

What is the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act?

- Strengthen Vessel Owner Liability
- Address Irresponsible Vessel Management
- Realign Authorities
- Establish Compliance and Enforcement
- Confirm General Liabilities
- Provide Additional Authorities
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

Provinces & Territories

Local communities, municipalities
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