



NAVIGATION PROTECTION PROGRAM

OPEN, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS!



WHO IS THE NAVIGATION PROTECTION PROGRAM?

The Navigation Protection Program (NPP) is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA). The NPP services are delivered through Transport Canada's (TC) regional offices located across Canada.

The program's main responsibilities are to:

- approve and set terms and conditions for works in navigable waters;
- assess navigable waters for additions to the [schedule of the CNWA](#);
- manage [obstructions](#) in all navigable waters;
- enforce the [regulations for private buoys](#);
- address irresponsible vessel management;
- provide authorization to people to [salvage, remove or dispose of abandoned boats](#); and
- enforce rules against dewatering (removing water from) or depositing materials into navigable waters.

WHAT IS THE CANADIAN NAVIGABLE WATERS ACT?

The [Canadian Navigable Waters Act](#) (CNWA) ensures stronger protections for navigation on all navigable waters in Canada so that Canadians can continue to enjoy the right to navigate their boats (whether they are motorized, canoes or kayaks) through the extensive network of waterways across the country.



HOW DOES THE NAVIGATION PROTECTION PROGRAM HELP CANADIANS?

TC-NPP continues to approve works that may interfere with navigation on scheduled navigable waters, and have created:

- a process to notify the public, which also provides an opportunity for Canadians to engage early before construction begins on any navigable water via the new online registry common-project-search.canada.ca;
- a new requirement for approvals of [major works](#) that significantly impact navigation on all navigable waters;
- a resolution process to address Canadians' navigation concerns before a work is built on a non-scheduled water, and to review these works when concerns remain unresolved;
- Canada.ca/navigable-waters-submissions – a new external submission site where Canadians can identify their obligations before constructing, placing, altering, rebuilding, removing or decommissioning a work and where Canadians can submit an application for approval or notification;
- a new process to add waterways to the schedule of the CNWA; and
- new processes for including Indigenous knowledge in decisions.

DO YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Transport Canada in your region – we are here to help! canada.ca/contact-navigation-protection

Visit our website: canada.ca/navigation-protection-program