How Canada is investing in the Oceans Protection Plan

Since 2016, Canada’s Oceans Protection Plan has made marine shipping safer, increased protection for our marine species and coastal ecosystems, and improved Canada’s ability to prevent and respond to marine incidents. This work has been accomplished through a variety of investments in science, equipment and people, and in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, coastal communities, the marine industry, and academia. For more results on the Oceans Protection Plan, click here.

Here’s a snapshot of some of the investments made:

*Investment dollars displayed reflect announced funding amounts current as of March 2021.

**IMPROVING MARINE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
- Over $100M for six new search and rescue stations to increase marine incident response capacity on the east and west coasts.
- Over $67M to lease two emergency offshore towing vessels to tow large commercial ships in distress and prevent incidents.
- Over $20M to develop marine training programs and increase job opportunities for women, Northerners, Inuit, and Indigenous peoples in the marine sector.

**ADVANCING RESEARCH AND SCIENCE**
- Over $45M to expand research on alternative oil-spill response technology to limit potential harm to the environment.
- Over $62M to create a web-based system that provides Indigenous and coastal communities with near real-time data to help them see what is going on in their marine environment for safety, decision-making, and planning.
- Over $17M for new weather modelling which improves oil-spill tracking and supports a more effective incident response.

**BUILDING MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**
- Over $6.4M for new weather modelling which improves oil-spill tracking and supports a more effective incident response.
- Over $70M to help Indigenous communities purchase search and rescue boats, as well as supplies, to enhance their role in the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**HEALTHIER COASTS AND PROTECTING MARINE SPECIES**
- Over $62M to assess and remove over 300 hazardous abandoned boats across Canada which threaten navigation and the environment.
- Over $70M to restore the health of over 60 aquatic habitats nationally.
- Over $8M to improve and upgrade critical re-supply operations for food and goods to northern communities.