



# OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND BASIC MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

### IMPROVE DELIVERY OF GOODS BY SEA IN THE NORTH

The delivery of goods by sea is known as marine sealift and resupply. Coastal communities in Canada's Arctic and North rely on marine sealift and resupply services. Air services are very expensive, so 95% of goods in the North are shipped by sea.

Shipping in the Arctic is challenging. Arctic and Northern communities are remote and difficult to access due to ice conditions. Sealift infrastructure is scarce, and the sealift and resupply season is short.



Through the Safety Equipment and Basic Marine Infrastructure in Northern Communities Initiative third call for proposals, we are investing up to \$60M to improve sealift and/or resupply for communities that rely on resupply operations such as those in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Quebec), and Nunatsiavut (Northeastern Labrador).

In Canada's Eastern Arctic, goods are transported from Montreal or Québec City by ship and brought to shore by barge. In the Western Arctic, goods are transported down the Mackenzie River from Hay River by barge.

### WHAT WE ARE BUILDING

Through this Initiative, we will protect the marine environment and improve the safety and efficiency of resupply operations in Arctic and Northern communities by investing in equipment and infrastructure such as:

- **Facilities** to organize and store goods
- **Mooring bollards and anchors** to help ships and barges hold their position near the shore, especially in bad weather
- **Petroleum infrastructure** to transfer fuel from barge to communities safely and efficiently
- **Sealift areas** including fences, lighting, and signs to create a safe workspace
- **Safety equipment** such as gas monitors and radios to communicate and mitigate incidents

We are working with Inuit and Indigenous partners, the governments of Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut, and communities to ensure we address the most essential needs.



The Safety Equipment and Basic Marine Infrastructure in Northern Communities initiative is another action that the Government of Canada is taking to protect our coasts and waterways. The Government is investing \$3.5 billion in the Oceans Protection Plan, a national strategy to create a world-leading marine safety system that provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting our coastlines for future generations.