



Before we get into announcing the rebooting and renaming of the Oceans Protection Plan newsletter, we want to start off with a heartfelt thank you. Thank you to those who participated in the first phase of the Oceans Protections Plan—it is a true Canadian success story. It's through your hard work and contributions that we were able to get here.

To our partners who have also allowed us to share their stories, we are grateful, as your help has given us the fuel we need not only to keep this newsletter going, but to make it even better. Because, along with heading into the second phase of the Oceans Protection Plan, we will continue to build on our successes and lessons in order to deliver results. This newsletter is no exception.

Going forward, this newsletter will not only bring you more in-depth stories about the many OPP initiatives, but the people behind them and the communities that benefit from them. Also, we will use it to inform you of consultation and engagement opportunities, where your feedback is invaluable to informing OPP and driving it forward. We will also be accepting story ideas and work with Indigenous partners, stakeholders and other participants to tell the dynamic stories that come out of this incredible program.

If you have any questions on consultations, or stories you see here, or even on story leads, please contact Tidings editor, [Joanna Tymkiw](#).

Sincerely,

The Oceans Protection Plan Communications team

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We have officially wrapped up the first phase of OPP!

The result of the first phase of the Oceans Protection Plan is undeniable.

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Reconciliation and collaboration are the focus

“After years of relationship-building and the development of a shared understanding of our community’s plan and vision, I am pleased to report we have now agreed to fully implement and define our Heiltsuk Emergency Response Team.”

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We need your feedback

The Government of Canada is looking for feedback on a proposal for a national system for marine pollution incident preparedness, response, and recovery.

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Did you know that NASP planes come with an oven onboard?

It's a convenient way to use heat created by the engine so that crew members can heat up their lunches on long flights!



The National Aerial Surveillance Program during Hurricane Fiona

On September 24 and 25, 2022, Hurricane Fiona swept through Atlantic Canada and had devastating impacts on thousands of residents and businesses.

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What's next for NASP? The Oceans Protection Plan will expand upon NASP surveillance efforts by investing in new technologies, infrastructure in the Arctic, and further increasing flight hours. Transport Canada is expanding capacity of the NASP in the North with a new hangar and an accommodations unit in Iqaluit, which is expected to be completed by 2025.



The success and renaming of the Coastal Restoration Fund

Under the new phase of the Ocean Protection Plan, the Coastal Restoration Fund has been renewed and expanded as the Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund (AERF).

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