

# OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

## Regulations for Response Organizations and Oil Handling Facilities

### Proposed Amendments



# Objectives

- **Update** response organization regulatory requirements to reflect current practices
- **Strengthen and clarify** preparedness requirements including mandatory vs. voluntary requirements
  - Move current response organization standards into regulation
  - New standards for rating response equipment capacity
  - Some updates to oil handling facility requirements to address issues
- **Consolidate** response organization and oil handling facility requirements into a single regulation

# Proposed changes to RO requirements

## Current Regulations

Response plans include general procedure and equipment requirements



Time standards for deploying/delivering response equipment



Evaluation of ROs:

- Implement exercise program
- Demonstrate equipment capacity



Some stakeholder participation in exercises



## Proposed Changes

Response plans to be more tailored to local conditions

New time standard for mobilizing response plan

Expand exercise requirements  
Formalize equipment capacity rating method

Increased opportunities for community & stakeholder participation

# Proposed changes to OHF operator requirements

## Current Regulations

Classified based on max. oil transfer rate to/from a vessel



Must establish an exercise program



Post-incident and training records kept as best practice



Plans must be submitted within 1 year of being updated



Min. equipment requirements for OHFs south of 60



## Proposed Changes

Classify based on max. *simultaneous* transfer rate to/from multiple vessels

Require program to be completed within specified time frame

Require post-incident and training records to be maintained

Updated plans to be submitted within 90 days after key events

OHFs north of 60 to maintain same min. equipment requirements

# Engagement Opportunities

**November 2023  
– January 2024**

- Online discussion paper (until mid-January 2024)
- Meetings upon request

**March  
2024**

A “What We Heard” report to be posted online

**Mid-2024**

Draft regulations in *Canada Gazette*, Part I

- Targeting mid-June
- Comment period planned for 75 days (ending in late August)

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## Questions?

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