



# OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND BASIC MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

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

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

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



Through the Safety Equipment and Basic Marine Infrastructure for Northern Communities initiative, we are investing \$94.3 million to improve Arctic sealift and re-supply for communities in territories that rely on re-supply operations such as Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Some communities in Northern Québec and Labrador may also be considered.

In Canada's Eastern Arctic, goods are transported from Montreal or Québec 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 improve the safety and efficiency of sealift operations in northern communities by building infrastructure, such as:

- **Mooring bollards and anchors** to help ships and barges hold their position near the shore, particularly in bad weather
- **Cargo laydown areas** equipped with fencing and lighting to create safe work spaces and secure places to store cargo
- **Breakwaters** to protect barges from waves while goods are being unloaded
- **Sealift ramps** to make unloading easier in areas where the shoreline is rough or where the ground on the beach is soft

We are working closely with the Inuit and Indigenous partners, the governments of Nunavut, and the Northwest Territories to ensure we address the most critical needs.



The Safety Equipment and Basic Marine Infrastructure for Northern Communities initiative is another action that the Government of Canada is taking to protect our coasts and waterways. The Government is investing \$1.5 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.