



# Oceans Protection Plan

## Marine Training Program

### Background

In recent years, the marine industry has reported a labour shortage – fewer people are looking for jobs in the marine sector. Yet an increase in marine traffic is expected, creating a greater need for more trained and certified workers. Canada’s existing marine workforce can also do better to reflect the demographics of our overall workforce. The Marine Training Program addresses these issues by providing federal funding to help underrepresented groups gain the skills they need to work in the marine sector.

### What is the Marine Training Program?

The Marine Training Program raises public awareness of, and access to, training and job opportunities in the marine industry for underrepresented groups like women, northerners, Indigenous peoples.

The program’s goal is to develop training programs that reflect traditional knowledge, use culturally appropriate learning material, and meet the learning needs of remote coastal communities. The program also provides infrastructure, equipment and new technology to improve the quality and access to training.

The Marine Training Program has provided 3-year funding to:

- ✓ [The Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium](#) to open a marine training facility in Hay River, Northwest Territories, and expand the existing training programs in Nunavut and Nunavik. The consortium has trained more than 300 students to date.
- ✓ [Nova Scotia Community College](#) to provide better access to marine training and employment for women and Indigenous peoples on the East Coast. Approximately 170 students are predicted to graduate each year of the program.
- ✓ [The British Columbia Institute of Technology](#) to provide better access to marine training and employment for women and Indigenous peoples, in partnership with Camosun College. The program is going to train more than 200 graduates by 2022.

### What’s next?

We continue to work closely with the three institutions to increase awareness of, and access to, these programs for underrepresented groups.

If you’re interested in applying, please contact the training institutions directly.

The Marine Training Program is another action 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 that is improving marine safety and responsible shipping, protecting Canada’s marine environment and helping advance Indigenous reconciliation.