

Oceans Protection Plan Accomplishments - Arctic Region

- Funded four projects to restore coastal aquatic habitats in the Arctic through the Coastal Restoration Fund
- Opened an Inshore Rescue Boat station in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut and completed initial training of the crew
- Provided close to \$1 million for four Arctic Indigenous communities to buy search and rescue boats and equipment
- The Vancouver Aquarium is receiving \$215,000 to study microplastics in the Arctic Ocean and their biological effects on marine life
- Conducted hydrographic surveys through the Arctic's Northwest Passage collecting data on the seafloor to create better navigation charts
- Partnering with the Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee, the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization, and the Nunatsiavut Government to pilot the Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness information sharing system to develop a user-friendly web-based system that increases access to local maritime data
- Increased aerial surveillance of our Arctic waters to help identify and prevent marine pollution
- Extended the Canadian Coast Guard's annual Arctic operational season to support mariners both earlier and later in the navigation season;
- Expanded the Canadian Coast Guard's Search and Rescue programs to better support our northern coastal communities
- Established a northern marine training program with the Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium – the sole provider of training in the North - to help reduce barriers to marine training for underrepresented groups, such as women, Northerners, Inuit and Indigenous peoples.

