

Oceans Protection Plan Accomplishments - Atlantic & Quebec Region

- Partnering with the Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council, the Essipit Innu First Nation, and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke 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
- Deployed two weather buoys in the Strait of Canso, NS to help provide mariners enhanced weather information
- Funded 9 projects in Quebec and 13 projects throughout the Atlantic to restore coastal aquatic habitats through the Coastal Restoration Fund
- Improved search and rescue capability with the refurbishment of St. Anthony's lifeboat station and two new Coast Guard stations in Twillingate and Old Perlican, NL
- Re-opened the Maritimes Rescue Sub-Centre in St. John's, NL
- Enhanced marine communications and traffic services with the construction of two radar towers in the Strait of Belle Isle, NL, and Strait of Canso, NS
- Improved navigation charts for the Northumberland Strait and the west coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, thanks to new hydrographic surveys
- Assessed or removed over 150 abandoned and wrecked vessels including 7 removals off the East Coast and Quebec
- Funded research projects with partners to understand the impact of underwater noise on endangered whales, including the North Atlantic Right Whale and the St. Lawrence Estuary Beluga
- Supported 9 marine environmental data collection projects in the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick, through the Coastal Environmental Baseline Program
- Purchased equipment and provided training to fishery officers across the country to help them respond to marine mammals incidents such as entanglements, beaching and collisions with vessels

