

# Oceans Protection Plan Accomplishments - Pacific Region

- Partnering with the Council of the Haida Nation, the Gitga'at First Nation, the Pacheedaht First Nation, and the T'Sou-ke First Nation 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
- Funded 13 projects across British Columbia to help restore coastal aquatic habitats that will benefit a number of key species such as Chinook salmon, and the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whale through the Coastal Restoration Fund
- Announced new Coast Guard stations in the areas of Victoria, Hartley Bay, Port Renfrew and Tahsis, BC to improve search and rescue capability
- Conducted hydrographic surveys of five priority ports collecting data on the seafloor to create better navigation charts: Prince Rupert, Stewart, Port Alberni, Crofton, and Vancouver, BC
- Assessed or removed over 150 abandoned and wrecked vessels, including 59 removals on the West Coast.
- Funded research projects with partners to understand the impact of underwater noise on endangered whales, including the Southern Resident Killer Whale
- Establishing a Reconciliation Framework Agreement with 14 Pacific North and Central Coast First Nations in British Columbia, to work together on marine safety and oceans protection
- Working with members of Indigenous communities on the West Coast to deliver training on marine search and rescue and environmental response. To date, 40 trainees from 18 First Nations have participated
- Introducing the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act to prohibit oil tankers from stopping, loading or unloading large quantities of crude or persistent oil products in northern British Columbia
- Constructing six new radars to provide a more reliable and accurate picture of traffic in the waters off British Columbia
- New environmental response equipment along the coastline of British Columbia to help the Coast Guard respond to environmental threats

