



# OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

## INCREASING EMERGENCY TOW CAPACITY

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The Government of Canada is committed to creating a world-leading marine safety system, which includes emergency towing capacity to rescue vessels in distress and avoid potential marine incidents.

Through the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada will increase its emergency towing capacity by:



Installing towing equipment on all major Canadian Coast Guard vessels.



Leasing two offshore vessels capable of towing large ships in distress on the West Coast.



Engaging partners to complete a needs analysis study on emergency towing requirements on the West Coast.

### WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, COASTAL COMMUNITIES, AND INDUSTRY

The Government of Canada is inviting interested Indigenous community members and other subject-matter experts to join the discussion.

We would like to hear your views and expertise on areas such as:

- Emergency response towing,
- Gaps with current emergency response towing capacity, and
- Possible long-term solutions and ideas.

We will also be seeking your input at engagement sessions on emergency towing on the West Coast in 2018.

To join the discussion, please contact us at:

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Increasing Emergency Tow Capacity 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.