



Oceans Protection Plan

Proactive Vessel Management

Background

Indigenous communities have raised concerns about marine safety and the impacts of marine shipping on ecologically and culturally sensitive marine areas. In response, the Government of Canada has launched the Proactive Vessel Management Initiative.

What is Proactive Vessel Management?

Proactive Vessel Management refers to the **collaboration** of multiple parties to:

- ✓ **Resolve** marine safety issues in local and regional waterways related to commercial shipping
- ✓ **Protect** the marine environment

Solutions to these issues are developed **cooperatively** and adopted **voluntarily**.

We're working with Indigenous partners, the marine industry and other stakeholders to develop a national framework to guide how Proactive Vessel Management can be implemented across Canada.

What have we done so far?

Since 2017, we have:

- ✓ **Engaged** with partners and stakeholders in coastal regions across Canada to seek input on the concept of Proactive Vessel Management;
- ✓ **Hosted a national workshop** with experts from coast-to-coast-to-coast to develop preliminary content for the draft national Proactive Vessel Management framework;
- ✓ **Launched pilot projects** in partnership with Indigenous communities in Nunavut, the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, and the North Coast of British Columbia. Together, we've to implement the concept of Proactive Vessel Management and inform the national framework and next steps.

What's next?

- ✓ Development of the draft national Proactive Vessel Management framework is ongoing. The preliminary version will be shared for feedback during summer 2019.
- ✓ Pilot projects will continue until 2020; their findings will help inform how Proactive Vessel Management may be implemented going forward.

Proactive Vessel Management 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.