



# OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN ABANDONED BOATS PROGRAMS

Abandoned small vessels in Canada have economic and environmental impacts on local communities. They can pollute the marine environment and disrupt local businesses, such as tourism and fisheries. They can also damage infrastructure, interfere with navigation, and pose safety risks.

Under the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government announced a comprehensive strategy to address abandoned and wrecked vessels. This strategy includes two short-term funding programs.

## PROGRAMS TO CLEAN UP OUR SHORELINES

The **Abandoned Boats Program**, managed by Transport Canada, is a \$6.85 million funding initiative that provides funding to:

- Help communities assess, remove and dispose of high-priority abandoned and/or wrecked small boats that are a hazard in Canadian waters;
- Educate small-boat owners about how to responsibly manage the end-of-life of their boats; and
- Support research on boat recycling and environmentally responsible boat design.

To apply for the **Abandoned Boats Program**:  
<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/abandoned-boats-program.html>

The **Small Craft Harbours, Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program**, managed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is a \$1.325 million initiative that provides funding to Harbour Authorities and other eligible recipients to remove and dispose of abandoned and wrecked vessels located in small craft harbours across the country.

To apply for the **Small Craft Harbours Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program**: <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sch-ppb/vessels-bateaux/index-eng.html>

These funding programs are about removing and disposing of abandoned or wrecked vessels to protect the environment, reduce threats to our health and safety, and enhance tourism, fishing and other economic activities.

## PART OF A NATIONAL STRATEGY ON ABANDONED AND WRECKED VESSELS

The other elements of the comprehensive strategy are designed to address the various causes and pathways that lead to the problem of abandoned and wrecked vessels, including introducing new legislation to hold boat owners accountable and making improvements to the vessel licensing and registration systems to improve our ability to identify boat owners.

For more information on our comprehensive strategy on abandoned vessels and wrecks, see the Oceans Protection Plan website: [www.canada.ca/protecting-our-coasts](http://www.canada.ca/protecting-our-coasts)



Programs that help remove abandoned boats are actions 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.