



OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF MARINE SHIPPING

INITIATIVE GOALS

Through the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada will establish a shared approach to better understand coastal ecosystems and the potential effects of regional marine vessel activity on the environment.



Transport Canada's national cumulative effects assessment framework for marine shipping will identify regionally specific tools that can be applied to existing and future vessel movements. These tools will be used to mitigate the effects of existing and future vessel movements on the environment.

This will be complimented by a Coastal Baseline Environmental Program that will be developed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

NEXT STEPS

Engagement with Indigenous partners, coastal communities and stakeholders will begin in the fall 2017.

A SHARED APPROACH

The Government of Canada will work with Indigenous peoples, local stakeholders and coastal communities.

Together they will determine key concerns and help collect coastal baseline environmental information. This will be used to inform assessments of the cumulative effects of marine shipping.

Data will be collected in six pilot sites which vary in terms of current and projected marine shipping activity and coastal environment types:

- Northern British Columbia
- Southern British Columbia
- St. Lawrence River, Quebec
- Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick
- South Coast Newfoundland
- Eastern Arctic Nunavut

As part of this initiative, the Government of Canada will develop a new framework to assess potential cumulative effects of marine shipping. This will support decisions that are based on facts so that they can guide economic growth while preserving the marine ecosystems.

Results of this initiative combined with existing data, will include collection of new baseline environmental data and a new framework for the assessment of the potential cumulative effects of marine shipping.

To learn more about engagement opportunities or if you have questions, please contact TC.MarineAssessment-EvaluationMaritime.TC@tc.gc.ca

The Cumulative Effects of Marine Shipping initiative 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.