

# OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

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# Oceans Protection Plan: *Protecting Our Coasts*

Marine transportation is a key economic driver for Canada:

- Accounts for approx. \$30 billion in economic impact
- Provides 99,000 jobs across the country

Protecting Canada's coasts is critical to the environment, the economy, and all Canadians.

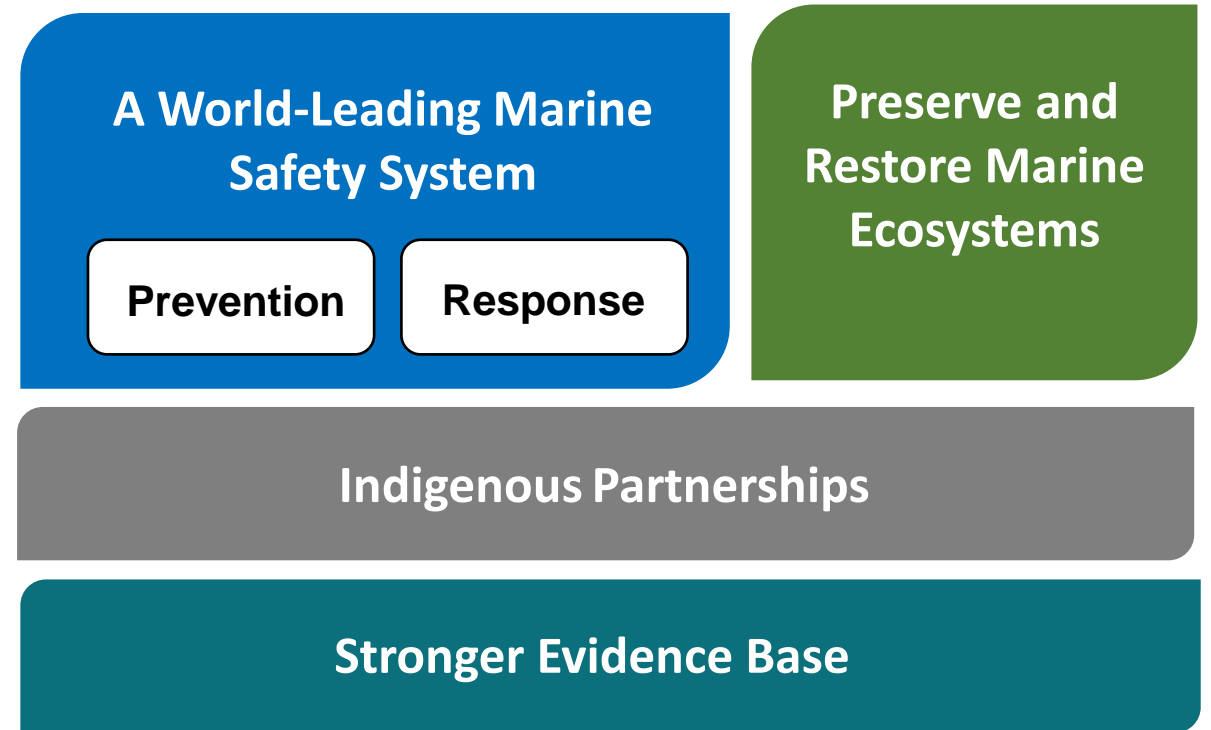


# What is the Oceans Protection Plan?

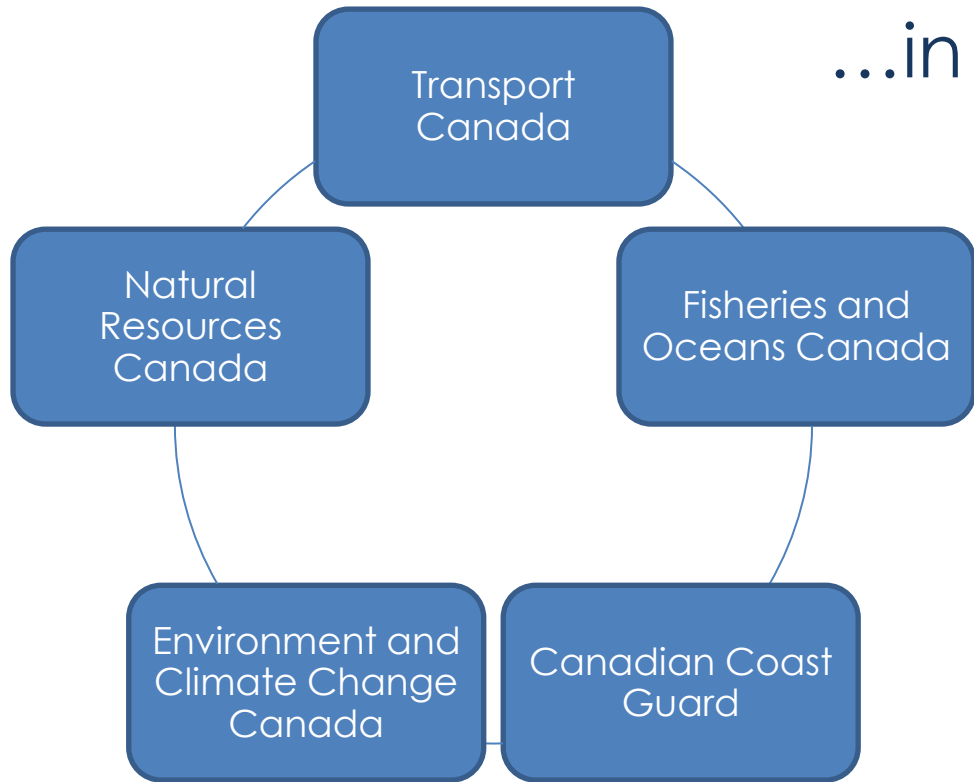
\$1.5 billion, 5 year national Oceans Protection Plan (OPP) will:

- Improve marine safety and responsible shipping
- Protect Canada's marine environment
- Strengthen partnerships with Indigenous communities
- Invest in science for evidence-based decision-making

*Between 2017-2022, 57 initiatives will be delivered to meet these goals.*



# How is it organized?



...in partnership with...



# Innovation & Collaboration for Environmental Protection

- Prevention
  - Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness
  - Proactive Vessel Management
- Preparedness
  - Improved spill response planning
  - Assessment on marine shipping impacts
- Response
  - Adopting the Incident Command System



# Managing (Marine Safety in) Local Waterways

## Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness

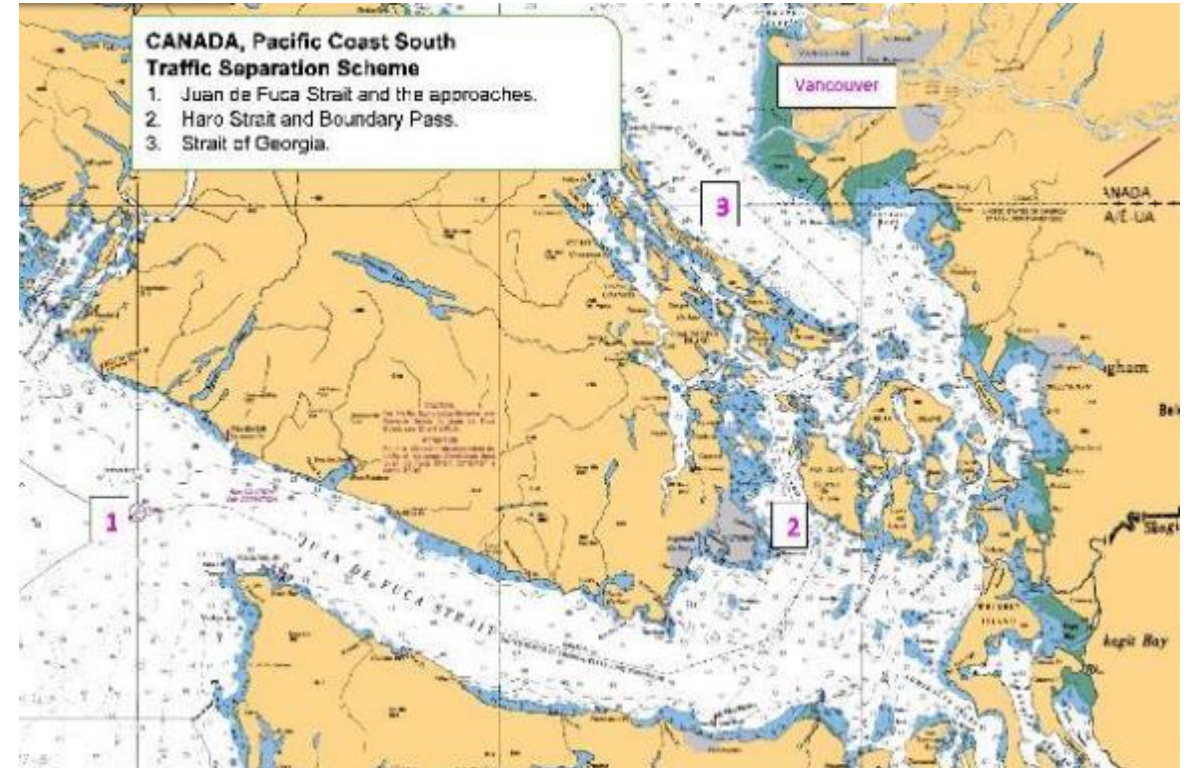
- Purpose: Providing local communities with real-time information and data on marine traffic.
- Port Authorities and other government departments, marine industry, local communities, and First Nations will be engaged through workshops to determine needs.



# Managing (Marine Safety in) Local Waterways

## Proactive Vessel Management

- Purpose: provide a forum to facilitate engagement on concerns related to local marine traffic (and the identification of potential solutions).
- Outcome Examples: speed restrictions, routing measures, or areas to be avoided



# Protecting the Marine Environment

## Improved Spill Response Planning

- Regional Response Planning
- Adoption of the Incident Command System
- Places of Refuge Contingency Plan
- New Hazardous and Noxious Substances Regime





# Protecting the Marine Environment

## Coastal Baseline Environmental Inventory and Monitoring Pilot Program

Purpose: Create a new baseline and cumulative impacts program that would focus on 6 coastal sites across Canada

- Record baseline ecosystem status
- Facilitate the detection of changes in the ecosystem
- Improve our understanding of cumulative effects of marine shipping
- 6 pilot areas will be identified including Northern and Southern BC



# Engagement: What's Next

- Launching national engagement sessions for initiatives - Fall 2017
- Regional Indigenous Workshops and Stakeholder Dialogue Forums are being planned
- Capacity funding available through the Community Funding Participation Program
- Leverage existing forums such as ACPA operations and environmental committees



# 2017 and Beyond: Full Steam Ahead

- What role will you play in the OPP?
- How will we continue to exchange information?
- Other questions?

