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**Request for Information  
National Procurement Strategy  
to Address Canada's Wrecked and Abandoned Vessels**

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**INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Oceans Protection Plan (OPP), announced by the Prime Minister in November 2016, comprises multiple initiatives meant to ensure the protection and safety of Canada's coasts in collaboration with coastal and Indigenous communities. The OPP outlines four (4) priorities:

1. Improving responsible shipping and the protection of Canada's waters;
2. Restoring and protecting marine ecosystems, using new tools and research, and addressing wrecks and abandoned boats and wrecks;
3. Strengthening partnerships and launching co-management practices with Indigenous communities including building local emergency response capacity; and,
4. Investing in oil spill cleanup research and methods.

As a result of the OPP, the *Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act* was passed by Parliament and came into force on July 30, 2019. The Act is meant to address wrecked and abandoned vessels in Canadian waters. Wrecks or vessels that are abandoned, dilapidated, or pose or may pose a hazard to the environment, coastlines, shorelines, infrastructure or any other interest, including the health, safety, well-being and economic interests of the public.

In the spirit of this new Act, the Government of Canada is seeking the participation of industry and First Nations, Inuit and Métis (Indigenous) partners to provide feedback on their capacity to provide the services that may be required to address the problematic vessels or wrecks along Canada's major waterways (Pacific and Atlantic coasts, as well as the Arctic and Great Lakes, and inland waters). In alignment with the broader National Strategy to address Canada's wrecked and abandoned vessels, the intent is to use this information to build the functional instruments of the National Procurement Strategy, such as supply arrangements, which will be available to all relevant federal government departments for appropriately addressing such vessels, in partnership with industry and engaged indigenous communities.

Currently, the Government is focusing on better understanding industry capacity for marine technical services and vessel disposal services. Follow-up Requests for Information (RFIs) will be released for other services and/or topics of discussion.

This RFI is not a solicitation. No commitment from the Government of Canada is made with respect to future release of Requests for Supply Arrangements, purchases or contracts. No agreement or contract will be entered into, with any person or entity, as a result of this RFI. This RFI is not to be considered in any way a commitment by the Government of Canada or as authority to potential respondents to undertake any work which could be charged to the Government of Canada. The Government of Canada will not reimburse any expenses incurred for the preparation of responses to this RFI or any participation.

Industry stakeholders and indigenous people that would like to participate in this exercise should provide the information and answer the questions requested in *Attachment 1*. Follow-up questions may be asked directly to the Respondent.

### **Potential Requirements**

As the Government of Canada's National Procurement Strategy unfolds, the intent is to issue *supply arrangements*\* to companies capable of providing the noted services across Canada to support the Government of Canada in the assessment, removal and remediation of problematic vessels and wrecks in Canadian waters. A snapshot of possible cases across Canada can be found in *Attachment 2*.

The services will include but will not be limited to marine technical services (condition surveys and towage, remediation and disposal assessments), and services for the disposal of various types and sizes of vessels.

Supply arrangements for additional related services required to address hazardous and/or dilapidated vessels may be added to the National Procurement Strategy at a later time.

The Government of Canada will decide on final content of any document resulting from this RFI and will be the sole owner.

\*Information on supply arrangements can be found on the following link: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/the-procurement-process/supply-arrangements>

### **Deadline for Submission of Responses to this Request for Information**

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) invites interested parties to provide the information requested in the *Attachment 1* to the Contracting Authority on or before **June 22, 2020**.

### **Anticipated Significant Project Events and Dates**

Project Event	Date
Review of the RFSA for Marine Technical Assessment Services	July 2020

No commitment from the Government of Canada is made with respect to future release of Requests for Supply Arrangements, purchases or contracts.

**Communication**

To ensure that communication and the information is shared accordingly between the client departments, PSPC and participants, as and when required, all communication and sharing of information must be done through the Contracting Authority.

**Language**

Communication may be in either official language of Canada: English or French.

**Submission of Responses to the Request for Information**

Interested parties may submit the information stated above by email to [chantal.pilon@pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:chantal.pilon@pwgsc.gc.ca).

**Questions for Industry to determine capacity**

The intent of the following questions is to identify and determine capacity to provide marine technical services and disposal services for various types and sizes of vessels.

Additional information for each of the Question can be included in an attachment. For each response, please reference the same numbering as the question.

Part 1 - Organization Information	
Organization name	Phone Number
Representative name and title	Email
Organization address	
1. What is the Industry / Indigenous group you represent?	
<input type="checkbox"/> An Indigenous group (community / government / organization) <input type="checkbox"/> An industry association <input type="checkbox"/> An Indigenous or Non-Indigenous Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A Contractor	
In 100 words or less, please provide a brief description of your organization:	
2. Have you ever conducted business with the Government of Canada?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide details and location: _____ If not, would you be interested in doing business with the Government of Canada: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Are you interested in providing feedback on the RFSAs?	
RFSAs for Technical Marine Assessment Services: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	RFSAs for Ship Disposal Services: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part 2 - Service(s) - Description and Capacity**

If you checked the "Indigenous" or "Non-Indigenous Business" or "Contractor", please fill out this section.

4. What are the services your company can provide to the Government of Canada?

- A. Marine Assessment Services consist of one or more of the following four (4) assessments. Please identify your area(s) of expertise.
- 1. Vessel Condition Survey may include categories such as:
    - 1.1 Hazardous Material Survey
    - 1.2 Stability Assessment
    - 1.3 Structural Integrity Assessment
    - 1.4 Risk Factors Assessment
  - 1.5 Safety and Security Assessment
  - 1.6 Market Value Assessment
  - 1.7 Dive Survey
  - 2. Tow Assessment
  - 3. Remediation Assessment
  - 4. Vessel Disposal Assessment
- B. Vessel Disposal Services
- C. Other Service, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you answered Vessel Disposal as your area of service, please indicate the type of material.

- Steel  Fiberglass  Aluminum  Wood  Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please indicate any constraints: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What are the sizes (tonnage) and types of vessel you can provide the services for?

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7. Are there any restrictions on the types and/or sizes of vessel you can provide the services for?

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8. Can you provide those services to partly submerged or submerged vessels?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Please specify: _____
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9. Please provide the region(s) where you can provide the services?	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Atlantic Region</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Labrador <input type="checkbox"/> Prince Edward Island <input type="checkbox"/> New Brunswick <input type="checkbox"/> Newfoundland <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Quebec Region</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Abitibi-Témiscamingue <input type="checkbox"/> Bas-Saint-Laurent <input type="checkbox"/> Capitale Nationale <input type="checkbox"/> Centre-du-Québec <input type="checkbox"/> Chaudière-Appalaches <input type="checkbox"/> Côte Nord <input type="checkbox"/> Estrie <input type="checkbox"/> Gaspésie <input type="checkbox"/> îles de la Madeleine <input type="checkbox"/> Lanaudière <input type="checkbox"/> Laurentides <input type="checkbox"/> Laval <input type="checkbox"/> Mauricie <input type="checkbox"/> Montérégie <input type="checkbox"/> Montréal <input type="checkbox"/> Nord du Québec – Eeyou Istchee <input type="checkbox"/> Nord du Québec - Jamésie <input type="checkbox"/> Nord du Québec - Kativik <input type="checkbox"/> Outaouais <input type="checkbox"/> Saguenay Lac Saint Jean	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ontario Region</b> (please specify sub-regions) <input type="checkbox"/> Central East <input type="checkbox"/> Central West <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern <input type="checkbox"/> Northern <input type="checkbox"/> Western  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prairie and Northern Region</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Alberta (North, above 53 degrees) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Alberta (South, below 53 degrees) <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Manitoba (North, above 53 degrees) <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Manitoba (South, below 53 degrees) <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saskatchewan (North, above 53 degrees) <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Saskatchewan (South, below 53 degrees)  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arctic Region</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Territories <input type="checkbox"/> North of Quebec <input type="checkbox"/> Nunavut <input type="checkbox"/> Yukon
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pacific Region</b> <input type="checkbox"/> North Coast - Smith Inlet and north. Includes Queen Charlotte Sound, Haida Gwaii, all the way to Stewart <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver Island West Coast – Cape Scott to Pachena Point Lighthouse <input type="checkbox"/> North Vancouver Island – Cape Scott to Seymour Narrows - Interior <input type="checkbox"/> Central Vancouver Island – Seymour Narrows to Bowen Island / Howe Sound / across to Nanaimo <input type="checkbox"/> South Vancouver Island – Nanaimo including Gulf Islands, Victoria) to Pachena Point Lighthouse. <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Mainland – Bowen Island and Fraser River <input type="checkbox"/> Non-coastal area - Northern Interior of BC (North of Prince George), Southern Interior <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: <hr/> <hr/>	
10. Within the region(s) you specified above, are there any specific locations where you couldn't provide the services?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Please specify: _____
11. Within the regions you specified above, are there any constraints, limitations or conditions such as timing, activity restrictions, staff availability, etc. that might affect your ability to provide the service(s) as effectively as possible?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Please specify: _____

12. To determine capacity, how many projects could you undertake at the same time?	
Summer 2020 _____ Fall 2020 _____ Winter 2020 _____ Spring 2020 _____	Please identify any constraint(s) you may have:
13. Are there any limitations or conditions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic that might impact your ability to provide the service(s)?	
14. How many people are employed by your company?	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-9 employees <input type="checkbox"/> 10-49 employees <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 employees <input type="checkbox"/> 100-499 employees <input type="checkbox"/> 500+ employees	If you do not employ those employees full-time, please provide details:
<b>Part 3 – Indigenous Considerations</b>	
15. Is your business located within a modern treaty?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please specify location: _____
16. Is your business an Indigenous business?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, is your business eligible under the Government of Canada’s Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  If yes, Is your business registered under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Information on PSAB can be found on the following link: <a href="https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1354798736570/1354798836012">https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1354798736570/1354798836012</a>

17. If you have provided an answer at Question 4, for each of the services you identified, how do you foresee your business maximizing Indigenous peoples involvement (opportunity for Indigenous consideration) in this project? For instance:

- a. Incorporating Indigenous businesses within your supply chain;
- b. Hiring Indigenous employees;
- c. Training and skills development opportunities for Indigenous peoples; or
- d. Other relevant measures intended to support Indigenous socio-economic development including, but not limited to scholarships, grants and bursaries.

18. If you are a non-Indigenous business, does your business have history on employing Indigenous persons or sub-contracting with Indigenous businesses?

Yes  No

Please provide details:

19. If you are a non-Indigenous business, what incentive strategies have you encountered in previous contracts to encourage Indigenous engagement resulting in skills development, industrial capacity and economic benefit to local Indigenous groups?

#### Part 4 - Additional Information

20. Given the current environment/COVID, what engagement methods work best for you?

- Email
- Videoconference
- Social Networking

Other, please specify:

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21. Please provide any other information that you believe may assist the Government of Canada in determining the capacity of the Industry.

As noted in the RFI, follow-up question(s) may be required. Any follow-up question(s) will be addressed to the Respondent.

# Portrait of Vessels of Concern Across Canada

These statistics are intended to provide a snapshot of current potential wrecked, abandoned, dilapidated or hazardous vessels reported to the Canadian Coast Guard in each of its Regions. Most vessels may require further risk assessment by the Department. The information below is subject to change as new vessels are reported and assessed, therefore we cannot guarantee if or in which cases services will be required.



## Western 899 Vessels

### Length Distribution

- 0-49 feet: 83%
- 50-99 feet: 8%
- 100 feet and over: 4%
- Unrecorded: 5%

### Primary Vessel Types

- Sailing: 30%
- Motorboat: 30%
- Fishing Vessel: 23%

### Condition of Vessels

- Secured: 62%
- Beached: 19%
- Semi-Submerged: 7%

### Main Hull Materials

- Fibreglass: 49%
- Wood: 19%
- Steel: 9%

## Central & Arctic 327 Vessels

### Length Distribution

- 0-49 feet: 26%
- 50-99 feet: 16%
- 100 feet and over: 7%
- Unrecorded: 51%

### Primary Vessel Types

- Commercial & Barge: 27%
- Fishing Vessel: 18%
- Pleasure Craft: 12%

### Condition of Vessels

- Secured/Beached: 36%
- Submerged: 31%
- Semi-Submerged: 11%

### Main Hull Materials

- Other: 46%
- Steel: 25%
- Wood: 16%

## Atlantic 370 Vessels

### Length Distribution

- 0-49 feet: 67%
- 50-99 feet: 10%
- 100 feet and over: 9%
- Unrecorded: 14%

### Primary Vessel Types

- Fishing Vessel: 52%
- Motorboat: 20%
- Other: 15%

### Condition of Vessels

- Other: 32%
- Beached: 31%
- Wrecked: 10%

### Main Hull Materials

- Fibreglass: 44%
- Wood: 26%
- Steel: 14%

## Potential Services Required

### Marine Assessments such as:

- Condition surveys
- Towing assessments
- Remediation assessments
- Disposal assessments

### Remediation Operations such as:

- Refloats
- Fits and repairs
- Towing
- Oil removal
- Salvage

### Disposal Operations such as:

- Dismantling
- Recycling

