WHAT IS PROACTIVE VESSEL MANAGEMENT?

Indigenous partners and coastal communities want to play a more active role in managing local vessel traffic. The Government of Canada wants to work with them and other stakeholders to manage local marine traffic issues such as:

- routing
- speed controls
- conflicts between waterway users
- impacts to environmentally or culturally sensitive sites

The Proactive Vessel Management initiative will develop a national framework to help guide how to manage local traffic issues in the future.

To achieve this, the Government of Canada will:

- **Host meetings** in coastal regions across Canada to seek input for its development of a national Proactive Vessel Management framework.
- **Bring together a range of participants** including coastal communities, Indigenous partners, industry, provincial and municipal governments, and non-governmental organizations.
- **Conduct pilot projects** with local communities to test and evaluate which management actions it will include in the national framework.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

As the lead department, Transport Canada will work with federal partners such as the Canadian Coast Guard, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Transport Canada will also work closely with Indigenous communities, provincial governments, scientific non-governmental organizations, and industry stakeholders.

SEEKING YOUR INPUT

The Government of Canada wants your help to develop a national framework for managing local traffic issues in a way that meets community and user needs.

This is why we will conduct engagement to better understand local interests, concerns and potential solutions.

WHAT’S NEXT?

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

We will post more information on dates, locations and participant funding opportunities at: http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/Community-Participation-Funding-Program-4445.html

More funding will become available to help partners and stakeholder access the system, after it is launched.

The Proactive Vessel Management initiative is another action that the Government of Canada is taking to protect the country’s 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 coastlines for future generations.