



Abandoned Boats Program

Two Components – Assessments and Removals & Education, Awareness & Research

Program Overview Presentation

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PURPOSE

- To provide an overview of the new Abandoned Boats Program (ABP)
- To introduce the two main components of the program
- To explain the roles and responsibilities of HQ and Regions and Stakeholder engagement



ABANDONED BOATS PROGRAM

The **Abandoned Boats Program (ABP)** is part of a comprehensive national strategy to address abandoned, derelict, and wrecked vessels, being implemented under the Oceans Protection Plan.

The ABP (2017/18 – 2021/22) provides grant and contribution funding to assist in the removal of abandoned and/or wrecked small boats posing a hazard in Canadian waters. The program also helps to:

- Educate small boat owners about how to responsibly manage their boats
- Support research on boat recycling & environmentally responsible boat design

The Abandoned Boats Program (ABP) has two key components:

1. Assessment and Removals (A&R); and
2. Education, Awareness and Research (EA&R)

This is an application based program where recipients will need to apply for funding within a deadline. The first call for proposal for both components was launched on **May 31, 2017**.



ASSESSMENT AND REMOVALS COMPONENT

The Assessment and Removals (A&R) component funds the permanent removal of abandoned and/or wrecked small boats that pose a hazard in Canadian waters.

- Targets SMALL boats (like pleasure craft, fishing boats) - not large, technically complex vessels. There is a soft cap threshold of \$50K per vessel (for removal and disposal costs).
 - Ineligible boats include those located on land, military and heritage vessels, and boats involved in contract disputes (e.g. moorage fees unpaid.)
- This component will provide funding to:
 - Conduct boat assessments for removals
 - Remove and dispose abandoned and/or wrecked small boats

Available funding:

- \$5.6 million in total for this component over 5 years.
- Eligible recipients will receive:
 - 100% of total eligible costs for boat removal assessments (maximum of \$5K per boat assessment)
 - 75% of total eligible costs for the removal and disposal of boats (maximum of \$50K per boat removal & disposal)

Deadline for applications and project proposals – October 31, 2017



EDUCATION, AWARENESS & RESEARCH COMPONENT

- The Education, Awareness & Research component funds public education projects aimed at raising awareness about boat owner responsibility and research to support advance boat recycling and environmentally responsible boat design in Canada.
- This component will provide funding to:
 - Educate owners about their responsibilities, including proper end-of-life management practices
 - Research that will examine ways to improve boat recycling options, particularly those made from fibreglass. This includes projects that focus on recycling processes and products, and those focused on boat design and construction (recyclability).

Available funding:

- \$1,250,000 in total for this component over 5 years (\$750k for E&A and \$500k for research).
- Eligible recipients will receive:
 - 75% of total eligible costs for education and awareness projects (maximum of \$50K per project)
 - 100% of total eligible costs for research projects (maximum of \$100K per project)

Deadline for project proposals – September 30, 2017



KEY ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM

Eligible Recipients:

- Provinces, Territories, Municipalities and local governments;
- Indigenous groups, communities and organizations;
- Private ports or marinas*
- Canadian Port Authorities
- Academia
- For-profit and not-for-profit organizations;

Eligible expenditures such as:

- Staff salaries and benefits, professional fees, communication materials costs, travel costs and administrative costs.

Conditions for funding:

- No advanced funding, proof of secured funding and all projects must be completed by **March 31, 2022**.



ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR A&R

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate that boat is abandoned and/or wrecked;
- Provide description of boat to be assessed, including location/condition;
- Indicate if boat has resulted (or expected) in harmful consequences
- Authorized to assess boat and provide documentation;
- Provide an estimate of costs (for assessment only)
- Demonstrate that the boat has been assessed (for removal & disposals only)

Note: Boat owners are not eligible.

- For the Assessments, grants will be provided and recipients will be able to incur the costs upon TC approval and be reimbursed following the assessments.
- For removal and disposals, contributions will be used and projects that meet the EAC will be further assessed against Merit Selection Criteria (MSC).



EA&R ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Education & Awareness Project Categories:

- Outreach initiatives, promotional awareness and public education campaigns;
- Public service announcements, social media, websites and other communications activity; and
- Production and distribution of education and awareness materials that promote owner responsibilities and end of life management of their boats

Project Target groups – small boat owners, Indigenous groups and/or communities and general public.

Research Project Categories:

- Boat recycling – Activities that investigate and/or develop:
 - Technologies, materials or processes that facilitate the dismantling of boats and improve the separation and recycling of materials
 - Market opportunities for end-of-life boats and their materials
- New innovations for green designs – Activities that investigate and/or develop boat designs and materials that;
 - Reduce a boat's environmental impact at end-of-life (e.g. reduce hazardous or problematic materials)
 - Enhance a boat's recyclability and/or improve its end-of-life market value

If the projects meet the EAC, they will be assessed against the MSC.



MERIT SELECTION CRITERIA

Project proposals selection criteria:

A&R	EA&R
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant Information• Rationale for funding• Proof of authorization for removal & disposal• Assessment results• Project description• Budget• Other Criteria – Priority given to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provincial/territorial govts• Indigenous organizations• Application for multiple boats• High risk (i.e. sinking, time, etc.)• Regional balance• Cash vs in-kind support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevance of the Project• Applicant's relevant experience and capacity• Quality of the Proposal• Performance Measurement Strategy• Value for the Money• Other Criteria – Priority given to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Variety of activities• Regional balance• Cash vs in-kind support



MERIT SELECTION CRITERIA – CON'T

Review and selection of project proposals:

- Proposals will be reviewed by a Selection Review Committee (SRC) which will be comprised of TC subject matter specialists (Programs, Policy and regional NPP, ideally 5 members)
- Proposals recommended to Transport Canada's Minister for approval.



PROGRAM DELIVERY

- First call for proposals was launched May 31, 2017
- Subsequent annual calls for proposals will be much earlier (e.g. Feb)
- EAC initial review and approval for boat removal assessment
- EAC initial review for all other project proposals
- Project Selection Review Committee to review against MSC and establish recommendations Memo to minister for approval of recommended projects
- Agreements signed by TC/Recipient
- Compilation of assessed boats and completed removals



PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE

Navigation Protection Programs - Regions

- Provides authorization for boat assessments, removal and disposal, when applicable
- Subject matter expert support to program – assessments
- Promotes ABP within their respective regions
- Regions to provide input to projects from respective region to the selection review committee
- Three (3) regional members selected on an annual basis by their peers to sit on the Selection Review Committee
- Regional assistance for monitoring and site visits, if required



ABANDONED BOATS PROGRAM

- For more detailed information, we invite you to visit the ABR website at:
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/abandoned-boats-program.html>
- <http://www.tc.gc.ca/fra/programme-bateaux-abandonnes.html>

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AUTHORITY FOR THE NPP

- **Abandoned or wrecked boat located within a Scheduled Navigable Water**
 - Section 20 of the *Navigation Protection Act* (NPA) authorizes interested persons right of possession of a vessel of concern for removal/disposal; and,
 - Costs associated with the assessment, removal and disposal of the boat may be eligible for G&C funding.
- **Wrecked boat located within a non-Scheduled Water**
 - The Receiver of Wreck (ROW) provisions authorize an interested person right of possession and disposal of a wrecked or abandoned vessel, for which the owner is unknown; and
 - Costs associated with the assessment and removal of the boat may be eligible for G&C funding.



ABANDONED OR WRECKED BOAT

- Criteria considered in determining if a boat is abandoned, but not limited to :
 - If the owner is unknown, or cannot be located;
 - If the owner clearly expressed his/her intent to abandon the boat and never return to it;
 - If documentation exists that the boat has remained in the same location for over one active boating season, or for a period that is markedly unusual for that type of vessel and location;
 - Evidence that the boat is unoccupied or unmaintained over a significant period of time (e.g. hull growth, accumulation of garbage, unlocked doors or lack of proper equipment);
 - Reports that the boat has drifted and has been re-secured by other mariners;
 - The boat is slowly taking on water or at risk of sinking;
 - The boat does not possess a current Pleasure Craft License number or Vessel Registration number.
- Criteria considered in determining if a boat is wrecked includes:
 - A boat that is partially or substantially destroyed, partially sunk, sunk, lying ashore, grounded, stranded or in distress.



OWNER FOUND

- If the owner agrees to give the boat to an interested person:
 - The interested person and owner complete the “*Owner consent form for authorizing taking possession of an abandoned or wrecked boat*” form;
 - An authorization allowing the interested person to take possession of the boat for assessment, removal and disposal will be issued by the NPP;
 - The interested person may then apply to the G&C program on the basis of having received clear and documented owner consent.

NPP is required to confirm the validity of the owner’s consent, by all reasonable means available, including contacting the owner to confirm the agreement and verify the PCL or Ship Registry.

- If the owner is found and moves the vessel
 - No role for NPP but the program has to inform the interested person that the vessel has been moved and would no longer be considered as abandoned
- If the owner does not remove the vessel or refuses consent, contact the NPP Headquarters to discuss potential next steps.



NPP CONTACT INFORMATION

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QUESTIONS?