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Good Day,

We are writing to provide you with information about the Government of Canada [Oceans Protection Plan](#), and invite you to participate in an introductory engagement session.

The Oceans Protection Plan is the largest investment ever made to protect Canada's coasts and waterways. This national strategy will help establish a world-leading marine safety system that provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting our coastlines for generations to come.

The Oceans Protection Plan has four main priority areas: increasing our capacity to prevent and improve responses to marine incidents; preserving and restoring marine ecosystems and habitats; strengthening partnerships with Indigenous and coastal communities; and, ensuring Canada's marine safety system is built on a stronger evidence base, supported by science and local knowledge.

The upcoming engagement session will provide an overview of the Oceans Protection Plan in British Columbia with a focus on the following initiatives:

- Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness
- Proactive Vessel Management and Anchorages
- Coastal Environmental Baseline Program and Assessment of Marine Shipping Impacts
- *Pilotage Act* Review

Other initiatives may be added as well. A full-day session is being planned for **November 2, 2017**, in Vancouver. To register for the session please contact OPPPacreg-PPOPacenreg@tc.gc.ca by October 5th. Space may be limited. Additional details will be available in the coming weeks.

The fall introductory engagement session will be an opportunity to learn about the Oceans Protection Plan as a whole, as well as to hear about specific new marine initiatives and how you can be involved. Further information on Oceans Protection Plan engagement will be posted on <https://letstalktransportation.ca/OPP> as it becomes available.

We consider the participation and collaboration of Indigenous groups, local communities, and stakeholders such as non-governmental organizations and industry as essential to Oceans Protection Plan success. Funding opportunities are available to support participation in engagement activities, including through Transport Canada's Community Participation Funding Program (CPFP). More information on funding opportunities can be found on the CPFP website at:

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/Applicants-Guide-4446.html>

We encourage those interested in the CPFP to apply as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Lorraine Gill, Manager, Engagement & Integration, at Lorraine.Gill@tc.gc.ca. We look forward to working with you as these Oceans Protection Plan initiatives move forward.

Sincerely,



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