

Abandoned Boat Removals

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NS Lands has successfully managed two Phases to remove nineteen old derelict vessels from across the province through Transport Canada's Abandoned Boat Program. We are currently in the process of preparing a case to do a third Phase as more than twenty additional derelict vessels have been discovered or brought forward.

The Abandoned Boat Program is a key measure to protect Canada's waterways and Marine ecosystem. These abandoned boats can be a hazard to public safety as boaters may not see them in time to avoid a crash and the environment, as leaks may pollute the water and harm people and the marine environment.

Unique project challenges include obtaining funding from both Federal and Provincial governments in the same fiscal and construction year. To get approved permits to gain access to have the vessels removed, plus obtaining services of qualified consultants and contractors. Not to mention the difficulty to access the vessel, working in remote and challenging locations in a harsh environment.