

1996 NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

- SCJV** STRAIT CROSSING JOINT VENTURE
SZ SECURITY ZONE - zone extending 1000 m east and 500 m west of bridge alignment
VRS VESSEL ROUTING SYSTEM - traffic route for all vessels using the Northumberland Strait as defined by the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG)
VTs VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM - procedures for vessel traffic operating within Project Area (30 km radius of Port of Borden) as embodied in the Vessel Traffic Management Plan (VTMP)
VTsZ VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES ZONE - area in the Northumberland Strait where CCG manages and coordinates vessel activities, bounded by lines between Cape Egmont (PEI) and Fagan Point (NB), and Rice Point (PEI) and Cape Cliff (NS)

PROCEDURES FOR ALL VESSELS (INCL FISHING VESSELS)

1. Contact CCG by calling Northumberland Traffic on VHF 12 when:
 - entering or exiting the VTsZ (vessels greater than 20 m only)
 - an update of vessel traffic is required
 - entering or exiting the SZ (ALL vessels)
 - observing an infraction of the VTs
 - reporting an accident
2. Fishing vessels and attached gear must maintain minimum separation distance of 100 m from anchor buoys and Project Vessels at all times.
3. Monitor Channel 12 for info from CCG on marine construction, operation and safety measures.
4. Report location to CCG as required (to provide up-to-date fishing vessel info to Project Vessels).
5. Report damage to gear and/or vessels to SCJV Compensation Coordinator as described below in *Procedure for Claims*.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR PROJECT VESSELS

1. Provide 48 hrs notice to CCG prior to transiting the Northumberland Strait. Must have Canadian Hydrographic Services charts numbered L/C4023 and L/C4406 on board.
2. Travel along VRS. Advise CCG and SCJV of departure time (port of origin) and estimated arrival time (Borden).
3. Provide daily notification to CCG & SCJV of progress at sea and updated ETA at Borden.
4. Upon entering Canadian waters, notify CCG & SCJV.
5. Advise CCG 15 minutes prior to entering and upon entering the VTsZ; advise on proposed route and port of destination.
6. At a point 2.5 miles either side of the SZ, advise CCG & SCJV of position.
7. If required, hail other vessels (incl fishing vessels) on Channel 12 or 65 to request ship-to-ship communication on Channel 6.
8. Communicate directly with SCJV Port Control on Channel 65 as needed.

PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMS GEAR AND VESSEL DAMAGE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

If a Project Vessel fails to comply with the VTs, SCJV will compensate fishers for gear and vessel damage and for loss of income deriving from such damage. The following is a step-by-step initial response procedure to be followed by fishers when filing a claim against SCJV Project Vessels.

1. Within 24 hours from discovering damage, fisher must report damage to SCJV Compensation Coordinator via toll free telephone line, 1-800-568-FISH (3474).
2. Damage to be reported by the owner, operator or skipper of vessel.
3. During working hours, talk to SCJV Coordinator. After working hours, leave voice message on recording machine.
4. Claimant's report must include:
 - name of caller
 - caller's full mailing address
 - caller's telephone number
 - name of fishing vessel
 - brief description of damage claimed
 - location and time of incident
 - date of discovery
 - date that gear was last checked
5. Claimant will receive application form from SCJV Compensation Coordinator. Form to be filled out and returned to Coordinator within 7 working days from date of receipt. Determination on claim will then be made as per procedure outlined in Section 4 of the VTMP.



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