

# Petition to the House of Commons: Federal Action to Clean up Abandoned Vessels

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

## WHEREAS:

- Abandoned vessels pose an environmental risk and navigational hazard;
- No regulations or programs have established effective measures for the removal and recycling of abandoned vessels;
- Coastal communities in Canada have called on the government to act on abandoned vessels for decades;

## THEREFORE, we call on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-352 to:

1. Designate Coast Guard as the agency responsible for directing the removal & recycling of abandoned vessels;
2. Build a coast-wide strategy in cooperation with local and provincial governments;
3. Get taxpayers off the hook by improving vessel registration and creating a fee to help cover the cost of vessel disposal;
4. Prevent vessels from becoming hazards by piloting a turn-in program at safe recycling facilities;
5. Create good green jobs by supporting local marine salvage businesses.

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