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Greetings from coastal British Columbia!

I'm seeking your support for my federal legislation to protect our coasts.

Right now, thousands of abandoned vessels are polluting our oceans and leaking oil into our waterways, jeopardizing valuable aquaculture and commercial fishing jobs, threatening our tourism industry, and taking a huge toll on coastal communities and volunteers.

For too long, jurisdictional gaps have left coastal communities with nowhere to turn when they need help cleaning up abandoned vessels.

It's time for federal action on abandoned vessels!

My bill C-352 creates a comprehensive coast-wide strategy to:

- ✓ End the run-around and finger-pointing by designating Coast Guard as the agency responsible for directing the removal & recycling of abandoned vessels
- ✓ Get taxpayers off the hook by fixing vessel registration and creating a fee to help cover the cost of vessel disposal
- ✓ Prevent vessels from becoming hazards by piloting a turn-in program at safe recycling facilities
- ✓ Create good green jobs by supporting local marine salvage businesses
- ✓ Build a coast-wide strategy in cooperation with local and provincial governments

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Although community pressure has finally gotten abandoned vessels on the federal agenda, the Liberal government's plan simply cannot address the thousands of vessels littering our coastlines. After decades of federal and provincial neglect, \$1 million/year for removals is a welcome first small step, but falls far short of what's needed to address this growing problem on all three coasts.

I built my legislation based on years of advice from coastal communities. Your endorsement as a marine ally will demonstrate powerful solidarity when the debate on abandoned vessels begins in the House of Commons this fall.

To show the growing demand for a comprehensive coast-wide solution, I'd love your support.

Here is how you can help build momentum for federal action:

1. Gather petition signatures supporting Bill C-352 (enclosed). Once you've added your name and gathered other signatures, please mail it to my Ottawa office so I can stand in Parliament and show support for a solution.

2. Join the growing list of coastal allies by writing a formal endorsement letter or passing a motion of support (templates enclosed)

3. Sign and return the postcard (enclosed)

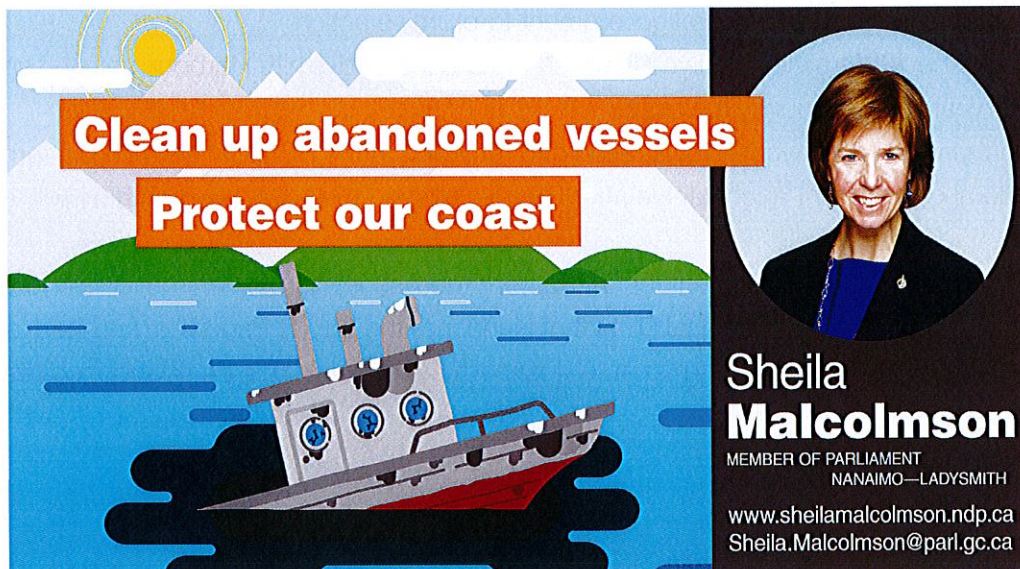
For more information, including the text of the bill, please visit my website at www.sheilamalcolmson.ndp.ca/abandonedvessels

Thank you so much for your support; I look forward to working with you.



Sheila Malcolmson,
Member of Parliament for Nanaimo—Ladysmith

It's Time For Federal Action To Clean Up Abandoned Vessels



Why are abandoned vessels a problem?

- // Thousands of abandoned vessels threaten Canadian waterways
- // They're a major source of oil spills and pollution, jeopardizing valuable aquaculture, commercial fishing jobs and tourism
- // No regulations or programs exist to remove and recycle abandoned vessels before they become serious environmental or navigational hazards
- // Jurisdictional gaps have left coastal communities with nowhere to turn for help dealing with abandoned vessels
- // Lack of action on this long-standing issue is pressuring local governments, First Nations, marinas, port operators and taxpayers
- // Vessel abandonment is made worse by the lack of turn-in programs where owners can easily dispose of their vessels

What solutions does my legislation Bill C-352 propose?

- // Ends the run-around and finger-pointing to designate Coast Guard as the agency responsible for directing the removal & recycling of abandoned vessels
- // Gets taxpayers off the hook by fixing vessel registration and creating a fee to help cover the cost of vessel disposal
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What have we achieved so far?

- // Successfully pressured the federal government to promise action
- // Helped get the 100' trawler Viki Lyne II, which threatened Ladysmith Harbour, safely dismantled after four years of community advocacy
- // Secured the inclusion of vessel registration and recycling in the BC NDP election platform
- // Kept federal government accountable after Liberals missed their own six-month deadline to act on abandoned vessels
- // Received unanimous endorsement for C-352 from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City of Parksville, and Ladysmith Maritime Society (see the growing list at: www.sheila.malcolmson.ndp.ca/abandonedvessels)

How can you help build support?

- // Sign and distribute the petition
- // Write a letter of support or sign the postcard
- // Share the abandoned vessels campaign on Facebook and Twitter
 - // Facebook: facebook.com/SheilaMalcolmsonNDP
 - // Twitter: [@s_malcolmson](https://twitter.com/s_malcolmson)

What's Sheila's history?

Sheila Malcolmson has been a strong advocate for a comprehensive abandoned vessel solution since being elected locally in 2002.

As Islands Trust Council Chair, for six years she worked with hundreds of local governments to urge provincial and federal government action on this decades-old problem.

Elected as the Member of Parliament for Nanaimo—Ladysmith in 2015, she tabled legislation and secured \$1.2 million for the safe removal of the trawler Viki Lyne II from Ladysmith Harbour, on the East coast of Vancouver Island.

Her degree in Environmental and Resource Studies and years guiding kayak trips in BC's wilderness inform her work for coastal communities.

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Template: Suggested endorsement letter and motion of support

(Insert organization name and logo)

(Date)

Sheila Malcolmson, MP for Nanaimo-Ladysmith
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Malcolmson,

On behalf of *(insert organization name)*, I am writing to support the following motion urging the federal government to adopt MP Sheila Malcolmson's legislation, C-352:

Whereas:

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

Move that *(inset organization name)* encourages Parliament to adopt Bill C-352, "An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and provide for the development of a national strategy for abandoned vessels", which would fix vessel registration, pilot a vessel turn-in program, create good green jobs by supporting local marine salvage businesses and vessel recycling, and make Coast Guard responsible for directing the removal of abandoned vessels.

Sincerely,

(Please sign on behalf of your organization)

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Clean up abandoned vessels

Protect our coast



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It's Time For Federal Action To Clean Up Abandoned Vessels

(name and/or organization)

urges the federal government to support MP Sheila Malcolmson's legislation, C-352, to fix vessel registration, pilot a vessel turn-in program, create good green jobs by supporting local marine salvage businesses and vessel recycling, and make Coast Guard responsible for directing the removal of abandoned vessels.

**Please clean up abandoned
vessels and protect our coast
by supporting Bill C-352!**

Name

Address

City

Postal Code

Email



No Stamp
Required

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