

Coastal Marine Strategy Status

Approvals and external review of a draft Strategy (Spring 2024):

- The draft Strategy is currently being shared with coastal First Nations governments and organizations, as well as local governments on the coast and federal departments and agencies with an oceans mandate. Feedback is due by **May 9, 2024**.
- We are inviting your feedback on the themes, goals, actions, and activities outlined in the draft Strategy. We are particularly interested in learning the following:
 - If your governments' priorities for stewardship of coastal marine values are largely addressed
 - Some actions you think should be prioritized for implementation in years 1-3, and why
 - Which actions might be hard to advance or implement, even if additional resourcing is secured, and why
- Out of respect for the ongoing co-development process with First Nations, please keep the draft within your organization and refrain from sharing outside of local government.
- Public engagement on this initiative is closed.

DRAFT STRATEGY

Sets vision, goals, actions for the stewardship of our marine resources over the next 20 years.

May – June 2023

G-G technical sessions to shape policy intentions into specific actions using series of backgrounders to support conversations.

June – Sept 2023

Ministry staff review results of public engagement; What We Heard report released in Aug 2023. Ministry staff refine / consolidate/ organize list of actions co-drafted with Nations.

Sept – Dec 2023

Contractor helps to prepare draft Strategy. Ministry staff cross check actions against technical sessions, Indigenous youth summit, bilateral meetings, backgrounders, and public engagement.

Nov 2023 – April 2024

Provincial government approvals. Draft CMS shared with Nations, Federal and Local Governments, and Ministries for final review..