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## TRANSPORT CANADA AND GREEN MARINE TEAM UP TO ADDRESS UNDERWATER NOISE

Quebec, Monday, July 27, 2015 – Green Marine has signed a nine-month contract with Transport Canada to provide insight on underwater noise generated by shipping and its effects on marine life, along with potential solutions.

“I am pleased to announce Transport Canada’s support to this project,” said the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport. “The report that will be presented by Green Marine will help us to make informed decisions on how to minimize the underwater impacts of our marine transportation system.”

“This agreement is a logical next step following the Memorandum of Cooperation that Green Marine and Transport Canada signed in 2012,” explained David Bolduc, Green Marine’s executive director. “We share the goal of enhancing environmental protection and performance in the marine shipping sector and we found a concrete way to collaborate in that regard with this project.”

To meet the contract terms, Green Marine has hired Véronique Nolet as project manager – marine habitat. While temporarily replacing the organization’s program manager last fall, she laid out the foundations for some of Green Marine’s future environmental performance indicators regarding underwater noise. She also set up a working group to focus on the issue and three meetings have been held to date.

In addition to the creation of new Green Marine environmental performance indicators, the work for Transport Canada will provide detailed information about underwater noise, including the various techniques for measurement, its impacts on marine life, internationally accepted mitigation measures and their effectiveness, current and expected regulations and/or guidelines pertaining to underwater noise, as well as existing and pending research for addressing the identified issues.

A preliminary survey on noise impacts is expected to be completed by the end of the year, and Green Marine will present the final report to Transport Canada in March 2016.



## Green Marine Overview

Established in 2007, Green Marine is a North American environmental certification program for the maritime transportation industry. The program stems from the maritime industry's voluntary initiative to surpass regulatory requirements when it comes, for example, to air emissions, invasive aquatic species, waste management and cargo residues. The Green Marine program's unique character derives from the support being earned from 50 environmental groups and government agencies. These supporters contribute to shaping and revising the program.

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