Process to Establish and Manage Governor in Council (GiC) *OCEANS ACT* MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS OCCURS THROUGHOUT ALL STEPS

Step 1

Pre-Planning

OUTCOME
Area of Interest (AOI) Selection and Announcement

- Identify ecologically and biologically important areas
- Gather existing/preliminary information
- Initial dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, partners and stakeholders

Step 2

Site Design and Policy Development

OUTCOME
Decision to Proceed with Regulatory Process

- Develop biophysical, socio-economic, and Traditional Knowledge overviews, and resource and risk assessments
- Collaborate with Indigenous Peoples, partners and stakeholders to determine proposed boundaries, conservation objectives, and protection measures
- Consult with interested and affected parties through the Advisory Committee

Step 3

Regulatory Development

OUTCOME
GiC MPA Designation

- Develop MPA regulations and associated regulatory documents
- Pre-publish MPA regulations in *Canada Gazette*, Part I for a 30-day public comment period
- Register final MPA regulations and publish in *Canada Gazette*, Part II

Step 4

Management Planning

OUTCOME
Management and Monitoring Approach established

- Adjust governance structure (e.g., Advisory Committee / Management Board) to support ongoing management and monitoring
- Collaborate with Indigenous Peoples, partners and stakeholders to develop management and monitoring plans
- Create compliance promotion, enforcement, and outreach approaches and materials

Step 5

Ongoing Management

OUTCOME
Management and Monitoring Approach implemented and evaluated

- Carry out management, monitoring, outreach and enforcement activities
- Assess progress towards conservation objectives and site goals
- Report on site progress to partners, stakeholders, and the public

Adaptive Management: Reassess and adapt as necessary

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