Process to Establish and Manage Ministerial Order (MO)
OCEANS ACT MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

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

Step 1

Pre-Planning

OUTCOME
Study Area Selection and Announcement

- Identify ecologically and biologically important areas facing threats
- 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, using existing information
- Identification of activities occurring within the study area
- Collaborate with Indigenous Peoples, partners and stakeholders to determine proposed boundaries, conservation objectives, and prohibited activities for the MO MPA
- Consult with interested and affected parties through the Advisory Committee

Step 3

Regulatory Development

OUTCOME
MO 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

OUTCOME
Management Strategy Developed and Information collected

- Develop management strategy to manage activities for the duration of the Order
- Monitor the area and collect baseline information and data
- Consider long-term conservation tools, such as Governor in Council regulations

Long-term Conservation: Establish long-term conservation measure

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