



## Safety Issues Investigation into Fishing Safety in Canada

**UPDATE**

Transportation Safety Board

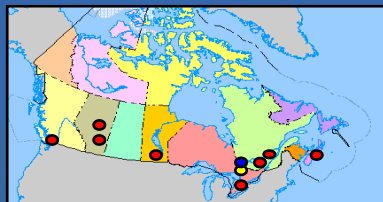
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### TSB 101

- **Mandate:** To advance transportation safety in the air, marine, rail and pipeline modes of transportation
- 230 employees, 10 offices, across Canada



- Ottawa
- Vancouver
- Edmonton
- Toronto
- Québec
- Gatineau
- Calgary
- Winnipeg
- Montréal
- Halifax

\* TSB doesn't assign fault or determine civil/criminal liability

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## A Few Statistics

*370 investigation reports since 1990*

*42 recommendations*

<i>Ryan's Commander</i>	<i>2004</i>
<i>Big Sister</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Sea Urchin</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>L'Acadien II</i>	<i>2008</i>
<i>Love &amp; Anarchy</i>	<i>2008</i>
<i>Sea Gypsy Enterprises</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>Le Marsouin I</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>Pubnico Explorer</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>Craig and Justin</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>Lady Jacqueline*</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Silver Angel*</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Neptune II*</i>	<i>2011</i>

*\* Report not yet released*

## The (Biggest) Issues



## Previous Recommendations

Once a TSB recommendation is issued:

- Regulator has 90 days to respond
- We review all responses
- We track all progress
- Sometimes it takes years for sufficient action

## Origin of the Watchlist / SII

### Problem

The number of accidents involving loss of life on fishing vessels remains too high.

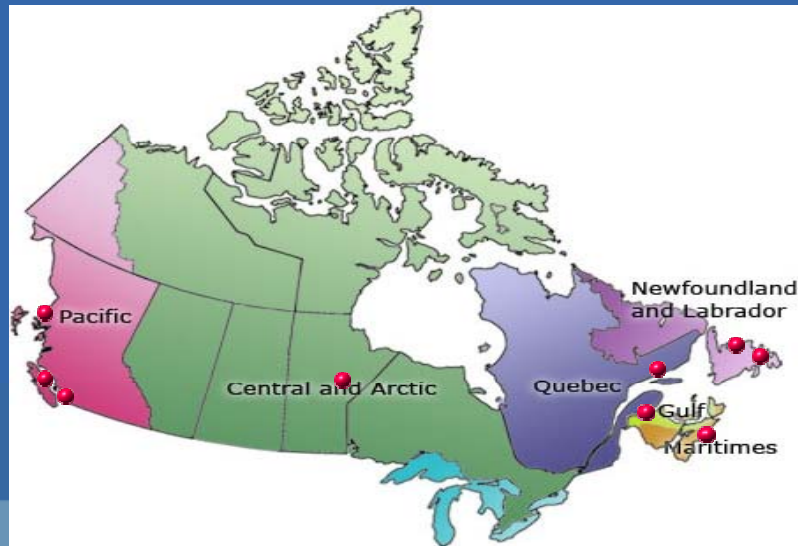
### Solutions

- Industry needs to adopt and promote safe operating procedures and practices to increase safety knowledge of fishing vessel operators.
- Government should work with industry to improve training and awareness and provide a stronger regulatory framework to support these initiatives.



*“New regulations alone are not enough, nor are training programs that aren’t supported by daily reinforcement. All these elements must work in unison to create a change.”*

## SII Process



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## SII Process (cont'd)

### Negative Impact:

- crews operating vessels while fatigued
- inconsistent application of regulations
- vessel modifications to accommodate DFO management measures

### Positive Impact:

- education and awareness training
- briefing sessions before and after fishery opening
- change opening date of season due to weather

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- ## Conclusions
- Stability. Fisheries Resource Management. Life-Saving Appliances. Regulatory Approach to Safety. Knowledge and Training. Safety Information (Getting the Word Out). Good Seamanship.
  - Problems with Statistics. Fatigue. The Cost of Safety. The Interconnectedness of Issues. Effectiveness of Governance Structures.
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