

# Small Fishing Vessels Self-Inspection Program

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## Self-Inspection Program

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## Program Objectives

1. Encourage the development of a safety culture among fishermen
2. Maximize the utilization of TCMS\*'s resources by allowing achievement of targeted inspections in accordance with the risk assessment
3. Improve the monitoring and the follow up of the conformity of fishing vessels
4. Encourage the fishermen to make a good verification of their vessel and its safety equipment, prior to the beginning of each season

\* Transport Canada - Marine Safety

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## Program Procedures

### Step 1 (Inspection by TCMS)

- TCMS carries out the first inspection of the vessel in order to verify the conformity
- TCMS delivers a notice of inspection if the vessel is found compliant
- TCMS puts the vessel on the Self-Inspection Program

The image shows a form titled "SMALL VESSEL MONITORING AND INSPECTION BY TCMS". The form is in French and English. It includes fields for "Nom du navire" (Vessel Name), "N° de permis" (License Number), "Date de l'inspection" (Inspection Date), "Inspecteur" (Inspector), "Statut" (Status), and "Remarques" (Remarks). There is a large empty box for "REMARQUES / REMARKS". At the bottom, there is a "Canada" logo and some small text.

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# Program Procedures

## Step 2 (Self-inspection)

- TCMS sends a self-inspection kit to the owner of the vessel at the start of the season
- The owner or operator performs a verification of his vessel, its equipment and its documents, as he completes the checklist
- The owner or operator sends the checklist back to TCMS

The form is titled "Checklist for self-inspection of small fishing vessels of less than 15 tons of gross registered tonnage". It includes sections for Identification, Important Notice, General Information, Documents, Safety Equipment, Life-saving Equipment, and Fire-fighting Equipment. Each section contains a list of items with checkboxes for "Present", "Absent", "Not applicable", "Not checked", "Not available", "Not present", "Not used", "Not installed", "Not maintained", "Not inspected", "Not tested", "Not certified", "Not approved", "Not authorized", "Not permitted", "Not allowed", "Not accepted", "Not recognized", "Not acknowledged", "Not confirmed", "Not verified", "Not validated", "Not authorized", "Not approved", "Not authorized", "Not approved".

# Program Procedures

## Step 3 (Monitoring)

- TCMS analyses the checklist
- If the checklist is complete, TCMS sends the stamp for the current year to the owner
- If the checklist is incomplete, TCMS communicates with the owner or carries out a visit on the vessel





# Program Procedures

## Step 4 (Surveillance)

- TCMS carries out unscheduled monitoring visits on certain vessels that take part in the self-inspection program
- The frequency of those visits depends on the risk assessment pertaining to the vessel and the owner's rigour in the process

Example:

*A recently built ship that fishes lobster off the coast during the summer months will be visited less often than an old wooden scalloper that operates in the fall*

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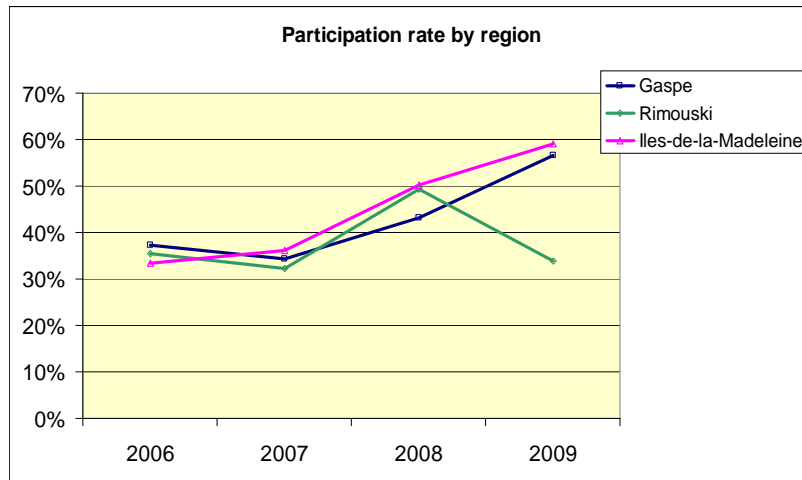
# Statistics Since 2006

	2003 (experimental)			2006			2007			2008			2009			AVERAGE*
	Received	Sent	%	Received	Sent	%	Received	Sent	%	Received	Sent	%	Received	Sent	%	
<b>Gaspe Area</b> (Gascons/L'Anse-à-Valleau)	3	6	50%	16	43	37%	25	73	34%	28	65	43%	39	69	57%	43%
<b>Rimouski Area</b> (Cacouna/Carleton)	0	3	0%	11	31	35%	21	65	32%	33	67	49%	23	68	34%	38%
<b>Iles-de-la-Madeleine Area</b>	8	11	73%	25	75	33%	56	155	36%	79	157	50%	114	193	59%	45%
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	20	55%	52	149	35%	102	293	35%	140	289	48%	176	330	53%	43%

\* The average excludes the results of the 2003 experimental project

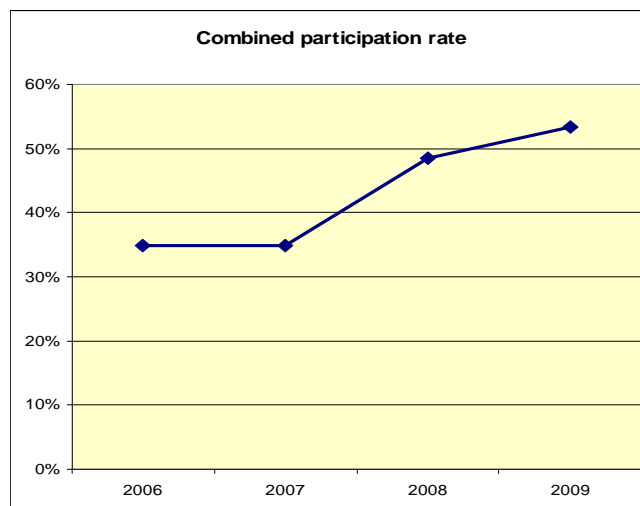
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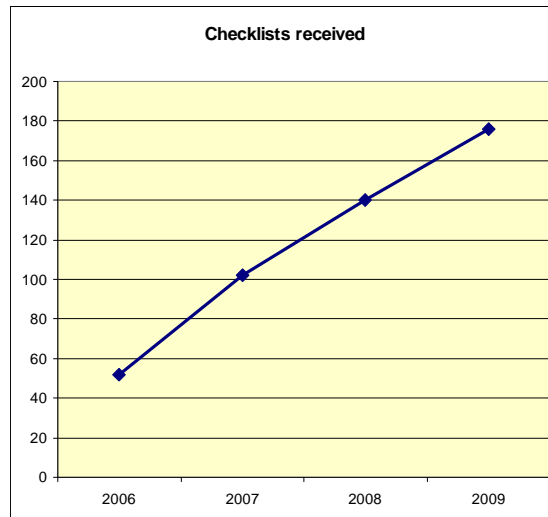
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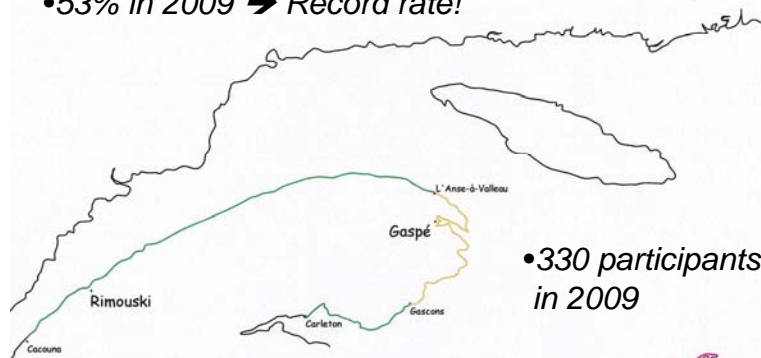
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•53% in 2009 → Record rate!



•330 participants  
in 2009



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## 2009 Audit Campaign

Make checks on some targeted items on ships that have taken part in the self-inspection program for at least 2 years, in order to:

- verify the quality of the self-inspections performed
- verify the accuracy of information contained in the checklist
- assess the participants' safety culture

**72 ships were monitored**

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## 2009 Audit Campaign

Observations:

- **100 %** of ships carried all the required safety equipments
- **87 %** of ships were in excellent condition
- **92 %** of participants showed good knowledge of their responsibilities and a good attitude toward safety

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## 2009 Audit Campaign

### Observations:

- **30 %** of ships did not display the decal or stamp
- **30 %** of ships did not carry their certificate of registry
- **50 %** of ships did not carry the proper crew training documents (Marine Emergency Duties (MED), radio, first aid)
- **24 %** of ships had fire extinguishers due for maintenance
- **34 %** of ships had non-conformities regarding the means of protection against flooding (*hatch covers, flush deck scuttles*)

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## Questions ?

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