



News Release

Government of Nunavut and Canadian Coast Guard establish auxiliary units in Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 27, 2001) – Community Government and Transportation Minister Jack Anawak is pleased to announce that the Government of Nunavut has reached an agreement with the Canadian Coast Guard to establish Coast Guard auxiliary units throughout the territory.

“This partnership between the Canadian Coast Guard and the Government of Nunavut will enhance marine safety for all Nunavummiut,” Minister Anawak said. “As Minister responsible for Nunavut Emergency Management, I would like to thank the Honourable Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, and his staff at the Canadian Coast Guard’s Central and Arctic Regional Office for their efforts.”

This agreement, worth \$645,000 over the next three years, will establish community-based marine response units across Nunavut and result in more effective marine search and rescue. Program initiatives are underway that will provide for advanced training and more streamlined procedures. The agreement will also provide vessels and rescuers with required safety equipment and necessary response gear.

Officials from the Department of Community Government and Transportation will be contacting communities to begin working with them to implement the agreement.

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