

Capital Regional District Board
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Dear Chair Desjardins and Board Members:

Though the joints efforts of our communities, the Federal Government through Transport Canada have released a Abandoned Boats Program. Upon examination of this program, the cost and time involved for each individual NGO / Local Government to submit to this program is very onerous.

The District of Oak Bay, has a agreed to start the application process for the few boats they have.

We are proposing for the convenience, simplicity and saving of monies, time and resources, The CRD join us for a Southern Vancouver Island approach. Meaning, Our First Nations, Nanaimo Regional District, North Cowichan Regional District, Cowichan Regional District, Islands Trust and the Capitol Region District. The reason being, as we all share these waters, one comprehensive program will lessen the impact financially, add simplicity, and speak with solidarity and enforcement.

Several aspects of this multiple year funding, deal with not only the boats sunk or on the beaches, but how to deal with the current floating abandoned boats and education, All this requires a huge amount of public involvement and a minimum of 25% cash or inkind.

Our benefactor Ralmax involved with the removal of Cadboro Bay derelict boats, has agreed to come to the table to help removal, once we have gone through the process, of inventorying and identifying the flotsam , jetsam and risk a fair price will be established, then completed application will submitted to Transport Canada.

We ask that The Capitol Regional District reach out to our Northern Neighbours and First Nations community of the Salishsea, and work together find a common one stop solution to this Urban blight on our shoreline.

Yours Truly

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