



UNOLS RVOOC Update

Fisheries and Oceans Canada
April 2026

Summary



- Naalak Nappaaluk Update
- Other Vessel Updates
- Marine Scientific Research
- Looking forward

CCGS Naalak Nappaaluk



- Vessel departed Victoria on February 26, and transited down the Pacific coast, going through the Panama canal on March 15. It then transited up the Atlantic coast, making stops in Charleston and Boston. The vessel arrived at BIO on April 9
- New Vessel Builds rep was on for the Pacific leg and canal transit, using the time to validate as-fitted drawings, design, and layout, for all Science systems and spaces. Function tests were also conducted on some science deck machinery and sensors

CCGS Naalak Nappaluk

- The vessel is currently alongside undergoing warranty work
- May and June will be dedicated to alternating periods of alongside science familiarization and preliminary sea trials
- July will include some sea trials and a potential mission to the arctic. Alongside maintenance is scheduled for the first half of August. The remainder of August through early November will provide critical opportunities for dedicated shakedown missions, conducting "mini missions" for core programs and addressing deficiencies while the vessel is still under warranty
- The vessel is expected to enter service in time for spring 2027 science programs



Other Vessel Updates

- Collaborative work was carried out this year with URI and NOC.
- First CCG Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessel (AOPS) was launched last week in Halifax
 - While not a science primary vessel, it is outfitted with a wide array of instrumentation and will be able to support operations when required
- Midshore multi-mission design contract has been awarded
 - These science primary vessels will replace our current fleet of midshore science ships across the country
- Construction has started on two polar icebreakers, both of which will be science capable platforms

Marine Scientific Research

- We have been working with stakeholders to update our national MSR policy in order to better reflect the changing nature of MSR applications
- The policy is in the final approval stages and should be finalized in the coming weeks
- We have taken a broad approach to what may constitute MSR to triage requests and ensure that we aren't missing any MSR activities
- An applicant's guide was developed concurrently in order to provide more information on approvals and processes that fall outside of our control

Looking Forward

- The aging research fleet will require continued collaboration with partners to ensure program delivery
- The move of CCG to National Defence changes our working relationship, which we are working through

Thank You

