

# **THE MARIPORT GROUP LTD.**

## **REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS IN PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES**

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### **Report on Marine Pilotage at Certain Canadian Ports**

The study was conducted in 1987 and involved extensive interview and mail-in questionnaire distribution to ships' officers on board foreign flag vessels in Halifax, Montreal, Great Lakes and Vancouver. In addition, surveys were undertaken of domestic vessels. A comparative review of Canadian Pilotage Policy and changes that were taking place in the UK was also incorporated.

### **National Commercial Channel Inventory Studies**

Saint John (NB)

Thunder Bay

Central Region

Lake Winnipeg, Red River Entrance and Selkirk Slough.

Over a number of years Mariport and its principal analyzed commercial use of channels in Canada relative to dredging and deployment of nav aids.

### **Central Region St. Clair/Detroit River Corridor Study**

Mariport examined Coast Guard's current operations in the Corridor and made recommendations regarding co-location of services and the most economic physical organization of operations. This took into account VTS and Marine Radio as essential operational components.

### **Inventory of Reception Facilities for Marine Wastes in Canada**

In support of Canada's signature to certain international maritime conventions, Mariport surveyed the ability of Canada to meet disposal requirements for marine wastes. The study surveyed ports and commercial disposal services across Canada.

### **Study into the Control of Foreign Ownership of Canadian Shipping Companies**

Mariport undertook a comprehensive and discrete survey of Canadian shipping companies relative to issues associated with foreign ownership. Activities of several other countries relative to regulation of vessel ownership in cabotage trades was also undertaken.

### **Public Review Panel on Tanker Safety and Marine Spills Response Capability**

The above work is generally referred to as the Brander-Smith Report and Mariport was retained to survey stakeholders relative to the perceived impact of the recommendations.

### **Cumulative Impact of Federal Fees on the Commercial Marine Transportation Industry in Canada**

Mariport, together with IBI, undertook the first analysis of the potential impact of MNSF on the Canadian Marine Industry. Cross country meetings were held, as well as extensive interviews with stakeholders.

### **Shipping in Eastern & Central Canada and the Use of Icebreaking Services, Dec 1993-May 1994**

Utilizing data from one of the worst recent winters in the region, Mariport undertook a ground-breaking analysis of use of icebreaking and traffic flows. This study drew heavily on VTS data for movements and, as a side bar, identified a number of deficiencies in vessel reporting.

### **Analysis of Aspects of Introducing a Fee for Winter Icebreaking Services**

As a culmination of an extended consultative process both with industry and the Federal Government, Mariport reviewed a number of potential models for charging ships for icebreaking services and, as part of the analysis, reviewed the methodology used for assessing ships and determining charges in the Baltic.

### **Assessment of the Impact of Marine Service Fee Options on Commercial Shipping Interests**

Mariport contributed to this Consulting and Audit Canada study in 2000, and again in 2002. In addition to specific papers on Client Industries and the Water Transportation Industry, Mariport provided input to the main document and other consultant papers. Presentations were made to the ISAC as part of the process.

### **Impact of the Polar Code**

Mariport contributed its Arctic expertise to this analysis, undertaken by CAC. In particular, Mariport has an extensive capability in marine risk assessment and associated cost/benefit analysis that formed an integral component of the study.

### **Canada Shipping Act – Review of Prescriptive Measures**

As a component of the review of the Canada Shipping Act, Mariport worked with CAC to investigate the current application of prescriptive measures. This analysis contributed to CSA-2001.

### **Safety Management Systems for Domestic Canadian Vessels**

Mariport reviewed actions with regard to Safety Management undertaken in other jurisdictions for vessels that were not subject to the ISM. The system developed in New Zealand was identified as one that could best meet Canadian needs.

### **Regulation on Compulsory Passenger Insurance Pursuant to Marine Liability Act Section 39**

Mariport undertook a substantial analysis of issues associated with compulsory insurance requirements, contributing original material to the report, as well as managing the input from a team of specialists. A review of similar measures in other environments was undertaken and detailed recommendations were made.

### **Short Sea Shipping in Canada**

Mariport led a team that prepared a broad ranging and comprehensive study of Short Sea Shipping in Canada. The analysis included the identification of issues preventing growth, and suggested policy alternatives to address the problem areas.

### **Canadian Arctic Shipping Assessment**

Mariport contributed to a scoping study led by Jonathan Seymour and Associates that identified a broad range of issues associated with Arctic shipping. Mariport led a subsequent study by a multidisciplinary team that prepared a comprehensive overview of Arctic Shipping. This included an economic and commercial analysis of the North West Passage.

In addition to the work noted above, which has all been for the Canadian Federal Government, Mariport has written, or contributed to reports that have involved public policy in Bangladesh, Michigan, Newfoundland & Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario, Shetland (UK), South Australia, Turks and Caicos Islands.