

Transport Canada Current Policies

Transport Canada's current policies on recreational boating consists of modernizing the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORR) over a multi-year period. The current VORR process to acquire a new regulation for a water body is onerous. It entails a 3 to 6 years period of extensive consultations to attempt to achieve a near 100% consensus on a new regulation. The result is that an average of only 3 new regulations/year are approved for all the thousands and thousands of waterways in Canada.

The **COALITION** viewpoint is that a major overhaul of the legislative framework is needed because the numbers of motor boats and the proliferation of powerful boats, increases with each season, while the environmental tolerance and surface area of each waterway remains constant. The **COALITION's** goal is not to get rid of motor boats all together but to classify waterways according to the type of boat that would be allowed onto the waterway without overriding its environmental tolerance. The right boat in the right place.