

NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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SUBJECT: NON-COMPULSORY PILOTAGE – end of service

When the *Pilotage Act* Order in Council #4 was registered in June 2021, all pilotage licences and pilotage certificates issued previously by the APA were deemed to be valid for one year from entry into force. This included non-compulsory area pilot licences. The new *Pilotage Act* only provides for issuing licences for compulsory pilotage areas and makes no provisions for non-compulsory pilotage. As of June 9, 2022, all licences previously issued by the APA will be invalid and compulsory pilotage licences will be replaced by the Minister of Transport.

Since Transport Canada will not be re-issuing non-compulsory licences, the APA has been considering whether there was a commercially viable means to provide services to non-compulsory ports in a manner that provides safe and efficient services with acceptable residual risk levels once the current non-compulsory pilot licenses are no longer valid. After considerable thought and consultation, the Authority has ultimately decided that navigation advisory services in areas outside of compulsory pilotage will not be taken on by the APA due to unacceptable levels of risk and exposure to the Authority.

As a result, after June 8, 2022 the APA will only be providing pilotage services in the compulsory pilotage areas described in the [SCHEDULE](#) of the *Atlantic Pilotage Authority Regulations*.

For non-compulsory areas in which stakeholders consider pilotage an essential service, the Authority can facilitate introductions to the appropriate parties at Transport Canada and will be happy to provide input when requested.

If there are any questions or concerns with the contents of this notice, please contact the Operations Department of the APA at operations@atlanticpilotage.com.