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# DFO's planned Evaluation coverage over the next five fiscal years (2024-25 to 2028-29)

**Name of the organization:** Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)

**Planning Year (Year 1):** 2024-25

**Number of Programs in the Program Inventory:** 32

**Total 2024-25 Planned Spending (\$)** from Departmental Plan: \$4,685,180,404

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# Part A Five-Year Evaluation Schedule

| <b>Program (from 2024-25 Program Inventory) Or Other</b> | <b>Title of Planned Evaluation</b>  | <b>Date of planned evaluation approval (fiscal year)</b> | <b>2024-25 Total Planned Program spending (\$; based on 2024-25 Departmental Plan amounts)</b> |
|--|---|--|--|
| Fisheries Management                                     | Evaluation of Fisheries Management  | 2026-27  | \$107,504,282  |
| Fisheries Management                                     | Horizontal Evaluation of Advancing a Circular Plastics Economy (Lead: Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)) | 2026-27  | Included above   |
| Fisheries Management                                     | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative   | 2024-25  | Included above   |
| Fisheries Management                                     | Horizontal Evaluation of the Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Lead: ECCC)                               | 2025-26  | Included above   |

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| Fisheries Management             | Horizontal Evaluation of Implementation of the Impact Assessment Act (Lead: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC))  | 2027-28 | Included above |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties | Evaluation of the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS) and the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) | 2024-25 | \$226,827,026  |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative   | 2024-25 | Included above |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties | Evaluation of the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS) and the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) | 2028-29 | Included above |

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| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties/Other | Thematic Evaluation of the Indigenous Commercial Fisheries Programs                   | 2025-26 | Included above |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties       | Horizontal Evaluation of the Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Lead: ECCC) | 2025-26 | Included above |
| Aquaculture Management/Other           | Thematic Evaluation of Aquaculture  | 2027-28 | \$10,117,843   |
| Salmonid Enhancement                   | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative                         | 2024-25 | \$71,302,961   |
| International Engagement               | Horizontal Evaluation of the Indo-Pacific Strategy (Lead: Global Affairs Canada)      | 2026-27 | \$23,402,019   |
| International Engagement               | Evaluation of the International Engagement  | 2028-29 | Included above |

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| Small Craft Harbours          | Evaluation of Small Craft Harbours  | 2027-28        | \$118,098,156  |
| Conservation and Protection   | Evaluation of Conservation and Protection   | 2024-25        | \$203,958,023  |
| Conservation and Protection   | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative                                       | 2024-25        | Included above |
| Fish and Seafood Sector/Other | Thematic Evaluation of Fisheries Funds (Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF), Quebec Fisheries Fund (QFF)) | 2027-28        | \$85,468,826   |
| Aquatic Animal Health         | Evaluation of Aquatic Animal Health   | 2028-29        | \$6,128,502    |
| Biotechnology and Genomics    | Not Applicable  | Not Applicable | \$3,211,653    |
| Aquaculture Science/Other     | Thematic Evaluation of Aquaculture  | 2027-28        | \$15,167,251   |

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| Fisheries<br>Science/Other  | Thematic<br>Evaluation of<br>Adapting to<br>Climate Change<br>and Ocean<br>Monitoring   | 2026-27 | \$155,935,309  |
| Fisheries Science           | Thematic<br>Evaluation of the<br>Pacific Salmon<br>Strategy Initiative  | 2024-25 | Included above |
| Fisheries<br>Science/Other  | Thematic<br>Evaluation of the<br>Grants and<br>Contributions<br>Programming in<br>the Ecosystems<br>and Oceans<br>Science Sector<br>(including the<br>Canadian<br>Integrated Ocean<br>Observing System) | 2025-26 | Included above |
| Fisheries Science           | Horizontal<br>Evaluation of<br>Oceans Protection<br>Plan (Lead:<br>Transport Canada<br>(TC))  | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Economics and<br>Statistics | Evaluation of<br>Economics and<br>Statistics  | 2028-29 | \$11,618,725   |

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| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection | Evaluation of Fish and Fish Habitat Protection  | 2025-26 | \$132,256,447  |
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection | Horizontal Evaluation of Implementation of the Impact Assessment Act (Lead: IAAC)                           | 2027-28 | Included above |
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection | Horizontal Evaluation of the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (Lead: ECCC)                            | 2024-25 | Included above |
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection | Horizontal Evaluation of the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (Lead: ECCC)                            | 2028-29 | Included above |
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection | Horizontal Evaluation of the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committees (Lead: Natural Resources Canada) | 2024-25 | Included above |

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| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection | Horizontal Evaluation of Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (TMX) – Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative Canada (Lead:ECCC) | 2024-25 | Included above |
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative   | 2024-25 | Included above |
| Aquatic Invasive Species         | Evaluation of Aquatic Invasive Species  | 2025-26 | \$21,057,683   |
| Species at Risk                  | Horizontal Evaluation of the Species at Risk (SAR) Program, including SAR components of the Canada Nature Fund (Lead: ECCC)             | 2024-25 | \$52,289,337   |
| Species at Risk                  | Horizontal Evaluation of the Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Lead: ECCC)   | 2025-26 | Included above |



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| Species at Risk                  | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative                         | 2024-25 | Included above |
| Marine Planning and Conservation | Horizontal Evaluation of Marine Conservation Target (Lead: DFO)                       | 2025-26 | \$93,161,433   |
| Aquatic Ecosystem Science        | Horizontal Evaluation of the Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Lead: ECCC) | 2025-26 | \$141,447,227  |
| Aquatic Ecosystem Science        | Horizontal Evaluation of Implementation of the Impact Assessment Act (Lead: IAAC)     | 2027-28 | Included above |
| Aquatic Ecosystem Science        | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative                         | 2024-25 | Included above |

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| Aquatic Ecosystem Science         | Horizontal Evaluation of Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (TMX) – Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative Canada (Lead:ECCC)                                | 2024-25 | Included above |
| Aquatic Ecosystem Science/Other   | Thematic Evaluation of the Grants and Contributions Programming in the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Sector (including the Canadian Integrated Ocean Observing System) | 2025-26 | Included above |
| Oceans and Climate Change Science | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC)   | 2026-27 | \$17,841,904   |

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| Oceans and Climate Change Science       | Horizontal Evaluation of Adapting to Impacts of Climate Change (Roll-up of departmental evaluations) (Lead: ECCC) | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Oceans and Climate Change Science/Other | Thematic Evaluation of Adapting to Climate Change and Ocean Monitoring  | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Icebreaking Services/Other              | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Navigation  | 2024-25 | \$13,540,970   |
| Icebreaking Services                    | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC)  | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Aids to Navigation/Other                | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Navigation  | 2024-25 | \$23,509,903   |
| Waterways Management/Other              | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Navigation  | 2024-25 | \$7,778,875    |

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| Waterways Management                             | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC) | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Marine Communications and Traffic Services/Other | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Navigation                   | 2024-25 | \$46,117,228   |
| Marine Communications and Traffic Services       | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC) | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Shore-based Asset Readiness                      | Evaluation of the Shore-based Asset Readiness Program      | 2027-28 | \$254,978,346  |
| Shore-based Asset Readiness                      | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC) | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Hydrographic Services, Data and Science          | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC) | 2026-27 | \$43,673,109   |
| Hydrographic Services, Data and Science/Other    | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Navigation                   | 2024-25 | Included above |

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| Search and Rescue                               | Evaluation of Search and Rescue Program   | 2026-27 | \$61,398,558   |
| Search and Rescue                               | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC)                                      | 2026-27 | Included above |
| Marine Environmental and Hazards Response       | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC)                                      | 2026-27 | \$139,379,918  |
| Marine Environmental and Hazards Response/Other | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Environmental and Hazards Response (including Vessels of Concern) | 2027-28 | Included above |
| Maritime Security                               | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC)                                      | 2026-27 | \$9,874,412    |
| Fleet Operational Capability                    | Thematic Evaluation of the Fleet Maintenance and Procurement                                    | 2024-25 | \$347,918,997  |

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| Fleet Operational Capability                          | Horizontal Evaluation of Oceans Protection Plan (Lead: TC)   | 2026-27        | Included above  |
| Fleet Operational Capability/Other                    | Thematic Evaluation of Coast Guard Operational Personnel     | 2027-28        | Included above  |
| Fleet Maintenance/Other                               | Thematic Evaluation of the Fleet Maintenance and Procurement | 2024-25        | \$577,630,713   |
| Fleet Procurement/Other                               | Thematic Evaluation of the Fleet Maintenance and Procurement | 2024-25        | \$1,013,568,572 |
| Canadian Coast Guard College/Other                    | Thematic Evaluation of Coast Guard Operational Personnel     | 2027-28        | \$19,793,695    |
| Internal Services - Management and Oversight Services | Not applicable   | Not applicable | -               |
| Internal Services - Financial Management              | Not applicable   | Not applicable | -               |

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| Internal Services -<br>Real Property<br>Management<br>Services | Horizontal<br>Evaluation of<br>Advancing a<br>Circular Plastics<br>Economy (Lead:<br>ECCC)      | 2026-27           | - |
| Internal Services -<br>Real Property<br>Management<br>Services | Horizontal<br>Evaluation of the<br>Federal<br>Contaminated<br>Sites Action Plan<br>(Lead: ECCC) | 2024-25           | - |
| Internal Services -<br>Legal Services                          | Not applicable  | Not<br>applicable | - |
| Internal Services -<br>Information<br>Management<br>Services   | Not applicable  | Not<br>applicable | - |
| Internal Services -<br>Information<br>Technology Services      | Not applicable  | Not<br>applicable | - |
| Internal Services -<br>Materiel<br>Management<br>Services      | Not applicable  | Not<br>applicable | - |
| Internal Services -<br>Acquisition<br>Management<br>Services   | Not applicable  | Not<br>applicable | - |

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| Internal Services - Communications Services | Not applicable  | Not applicable | -             |
| Internal Services - all                     | Not applicable  | 2024-25        | \$629,222,501 |
| Other                                       | Thematic Evaluation of the Reconciliation   | 2024-25        | -             |
| Other                                       | Thematic Evaluation of the Indigenous Commercial Fisheries Programs                                 | 2025-26        | -             |
| Other                                       | Thematic Evaluation of Aquaculture  | 2027-28        | -             |
| Other                                       | Thematic Evaluation of Fisheries Funds (Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF), Quebec Fisheries Fund (QFF)) | 2027-28        | -             |
| Other                                       | Thematic Evaluation of Adapting to Climate Change and Ocean Monitoring                              | 2026-27        | -             |



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| Other | Thematic Evaluation of the Grants and Contributions Programming in the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Sector (including the Canadian Integrated Ocean Observing System) | 2025-26 | - |
| Other | Thematic Evaluation of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative  | 2024-25 | - |
| Other | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Navigation   | 2024-25 | - |
| Other | Thematic Evaluation of Fleet Maintenance and Procurement   | 2024-25 | - |
| Other | Thematic Evaluation of Marine Environmental and Hazards Response (including Vessels of Concern)  | 2027-28 | - |

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| Other | Thematic<br>Evaluation of<br>Coast Guard<br>Operational<br>Personnel | 2027-28      | -               |
| -     |  | <b>Total</b> | \$4,685,180,404 |

## 5-Year Evaluation Schedule Coverage by Year (For Information)

| Year         | Program Spending covered by<br>evaluations | % Planned spending<br>covered |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 2024-25      | \$2,835,441,943                            | 60.519%*                      |
| 2025-26      | \$421,161,373                              | 8.989%                        |
| 2026-27      | \$393,293,157                              | 8.394%                        |
| 2027-28      | \$990,923,032                              | 21.150%                       |
| 2028-29      | \$41,149,246                               | 0.878%                        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$4,681,968,751</b>                     | <b>99.931%</b>                |

\*Note: The 2024-25 planned spending includes Fleet Procurement and Maintenance, which carries high materiality.

# Part B Ongoing Programs of Grants and Contributions

**Name of the organization:** Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**Total 2024-25 value of Voted Grants and Contributions based on Departmental Plan (\$):** \$ 491,765,345

## Status of Evaluation Coverage of Ongoing Programs of Grants and Contributions (Gs&Cs) as per Section 42.1 of the FAA Requirements

| <b>Program (from 2024-25 Program Inventory)</b> | <b>Title of Ongoing Program of Gs&amp;Cs</b>   | <b>2024-25 Voted Gs&amp;Cs amount (\$)</b> | <b>Date of planned evaluation approval (fiscal year) or Exempt &amp; No Planned Evaluation or Not Applicable</b> |
|---|--|--|--|
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties                | Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy - Negotiation And Implementation Of Fisheries Agreements (AFS - NIFA and AFS-AP) | \$57,007,505                               | 2028-29  |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties                | Aboriginal Aquatic Resource And Oceans Management Program (AAROM)  | \$25,771,392                               | 2028-29  |

| <b>Program (from 2024-25 Program Inventory)</b> | <b>Title of Ongoing Program of Gs&amp;Cs</b>                     | <b>2024-25 Voted Gs&amp;Cs amount (\$)</b> | <b>Date of planned evaluation approval (fiscal year) or Exempt &amp; No Planned Evaluation or Not Applicable</b> |
|---|--|--|--|
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties                | Contributions in Support of Indigenous Reconciliation Priorities | \$65,799,309                               | 2024-25  |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties                | Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI)       | \$18,246,190                               | 2025-26  |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties                | Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (AICFI)      | \$9,075,840                                | 2025-26  |
| Aboriginal Programs and Treaties                | Northern Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (NICFI)      | \$5,916,553                                | 2025-26  |
| Applies to several programs                     | Contributions in Support of Ecosystems and Oceans Science        | \$28,148,650                               | 2025-26  |

| <b>Program (from 2024-25 Program Inventory)</b> | <b>Title of Ongoing Program of Gs&amp;Cs</b>            | <b>2024-25 Voted Gs&amp;Cs amount (\$)</b> | <b>Date of planned evaluation approval (fiscal year) or Exempt &amp; No Planned Evaluation or Not Applicable</b> |
|---|---|--|--|
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection                | Indigenous Habitat Participation Contribution Program   | \$9,500,000                                | 2025-26  |
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection                | Salish Sea Initiative Contribution Program              | \$10,134,630                               | Not applicable   |
| Fish and Fish Habitat Protection                | Aquatic Habitat Restoration Fund Contribution Program   | \$14,000,000                               | Not applicable   |
| Fish and Seafood Sector                         | British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund | \$31,142,815                               | 2024-25  |
| Fish and Seafood Sector                         | Atlantic Fisheries Fund                                 | \$44,901,450                               | 2027-28  |
| Fish and Seafood Sector                         | Quebec Fisheries Fund                                   | \$6,850,000                                | 2027-28  |
| Marine Planning and Conservation                | Oceans Management Contribution Program                  | \$38,501,800                               | 2025-26  |

| <b>Program (from 2024-25 Program Inventory)</b>                | <b>Title of Ongoing Program of Gs&amp;Cs</b>                                    | <b>2024-25 Voted Gs&amp;Cs amount (\$)</b> | <b>Date of planned evaluation approval (fiscal year) or Exempt &amp; No Planned Evaluation or Not Applicable</b> |
|--|---|--|--|
| Salmonid Enhancement   | Contributions in Support of Salmon Enhancement Programming                      | \$7,516,000                                | 2024-25  |
| Search and Rescue; Marine Hazardous and Environmental Response | Contributions in Support of Canadian Coast Guard Marine Operations and Response | \$31,778,794                               | 2026-27  |
| Species at Risk  | Canada Nature Fund Contribution Program   | \$19,566,369                               | 2024-25  |
| Some Gs&Cs are exempted  |   |  |  |
| -  |   | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$491,765,345</b>   |

## Ongoing Gs&Cs subject to FAA Evaluation Coverage Summary

| <b>Year</b> | <b>2024-25 Voted Gs&amp;Cs amount covered (\$)</b> | <b>% 2024-25 Voted Gs&amp;Cs amount covered (\$)</b> |
|-------------|--|--|
| 2024-25     | \$132,044,654                                      | 27%  |
| 2025-26     | \$138,819,217                                      | 28%  |

| Year                                     | 2024-25 Voted Gs&Cs amount covered (\$) | % 2024-25 Voted Gs&Cs amount covered (\$) |
|--|---|---|
| 2026-27                                  | \$31,778,794                            | 6%  |
| 2027-28                                  | \$52,501,450                            | 11%                                       |
| 2028-29                                  | \$82,778,897                            | 17%                                       |
| Planned Evaluation Sub-Total             | \$437,923,012                           | 89%                                       |
| Exempt & No Planned Evaluation Sub-Total | \$29,707,703                            | 6%  |
| Not Applicable                           | \$24,134,630                            | 5%  |
| Total                                    | \$491,765,345                           | 100%                                      |

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