



## Release Criteria Checklist - Open Government Canada

This form is a tool to ensure that an analysis of legal and policy requirements has been completed prior to the release of data to the public and internally. It also documents the approvals required for the release of the resource on open.canada.ca (Open Data, and Open Maps - OGP Open Government Portal available to the public) or Federal Geospatial Platform (FGP) only for spatial records, internal to GC.

Metadata/Resource Name	Description	Release Platform
Boat-based Sonar Transect Data in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence  a186fa0c-142c-11ee-b2d9-e77b63152d13	Between 2018 and 2023, a total of 48 coastal sites in New Brunswick (NB), Prince Edward Island (PE), and Nova Scotia (NS) have been fully processed for eelgrass presence/absence and depth information. An additional 18 sites from the same region and time period (2018-2023) have data collected but not yet fully processed for depth and eelgrass classification. These sites will be incorporated into the dataset as processing is completed.	OGP

### Release Criteria Checklist - Mandatory that all answers are YES to publish!

#### Legal / Licensing / Copyright

1. There are no known legal, licensing, or copyright restrictions to prevent the data or information from being released by the department or agency under the terms of the [Open Government Licence - Canada](#).

#### Authority to Release

2. Does DFO/CCG have the departmental mandate, legislative authority or permission from a third party provider to publish the data or information resource under the [Open Government Licence - Canada](#).

#### Access to Information and Privacy

3. Has the data/information been reviewed to ensure it is not subject to any exemptions or exclusions under the [Access to Information Act](#)?

4. Has the data/information been reviewed to ensure it does not contain any personal or confidential information? For further ATIP or privacy related guidance, please refer to the [Guidelines for the Informal Release of Information](#).

#### Security

5. Has the data/information to be released been reviewed and determined to be unclassified?

Note: Protected A, B, confidential, secret data/information cannot be posted on the Open Government Portal.

For further guidance on security categories, please refer to the following documents: [Information Security Guide](#) and the [TBS Directive on Security Management - Appendix J: Standard on Security Categorization](#).

#### Cost

5. Is the data/information being released without a fee to the public?

## Format

7. Is the data/information provided in machine-readable/machine processable format?
8. Is the data/information provided in an open and non-proprietary format?  
For further guidance on open and non-proprietary format, please refer to the [Standard on Web Accessibility](#).

## Metadata

9. Is the metadata for the data/information consistent with the Government of Canada metadata standard? For further guidance on metadata, please refer to the [TBS Standard on Metadata](#).

## Official Languages

10. Are the metadata and data both being provided in English and French as per the [Official Languages Act](#)?

## Associated Publications

Is this dataset associated with a publication? If yes, please provide details:

This dataset has no associated publications.

I, Eva Dickson, answer YES to all the above questions and hereby authorize the release of the above dataset and related metadata on the Government of Canada's [Open Government Portal](#), to be freely available under the terms and conditions of the [Open Government Licence - Canada](#).

Furthermore, I confirm that this dataset and any future updates, meet and will meet the mandatory Release Criteria Checklist outlined above.

**NOTE:** the remaining approvals must be completed in the Enterprise Data Hub.

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