

contingency nature. To the extent that it is consistent with the nature of the governmental functions being performed, notice will be given to the vessel traffic management centre concerned.

300 OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS

301 VESSEL TRAFFIC CLEARANCE

301.1 Prior to entering the cooperative vessel traffic management system or departing a berth within the system, each vessel shall obtain a traffic clearance in accordance with procedures to be agreed upon between the Authorities.

302 VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTRES

302.1 Vessel traffic management centres shall be established as necessary to manage and coordinate vessel traffic. These centres shall be in communication with each other by dedicated communications circuits in order to ensure real time knowledge of the total vessel traffic pattern in the applicable waters.

303 METHOD OF OPERATIONS

- 303.1 Each vessel traffic management centre shall, within its applicable sector:
- (a) maintain VHF-FM radio contact with and receive reports from each vessel subject to the communications and movement reporting requirements of the vessel traffic management regulations;
 - (b) maintain an accurate and up-to-date plot of all such vessels;
 - (c) maintain an accurate and up-to-date status display of all known hazards to navigation, including adverse weather conditions, large concentrations of fishing or recreational vessels, and discrepancies in aids to navigation;
 - (d) disseminate the information referred to in sub-paragraph (c) to all participating vessels that may be affected;
 - (e) provide, upon request, position fixing assistance, within the capability of the centre;
 - (f) in accordance with an agreed procedure, issue a vessel traffic clearance;
 - (g) in accordance with an agreed procedure, transfer responsibility between centres for each vessel at the time it crosses an exchange line; and
 - (h) upon detecting or becoming aware of any violation of the vessel traffic management regulations, report the violation to the appropriate enforcement official of the Party in whose waters the violation occurred.

304 SECTOR MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY

304.1 All vessel traffic within the applicable waters to seaward of the exchange line established in subsection 103.1(a) shall be managed by Tofino Traffic Centre.