

**From:** <Aaron.Annable@international.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** **RE: Concern re RCMP-USCG Shiprider Agreement and LNG**  
**Date:** 2014 May 1 8:34:51 AM EDT  
**To:** <info@savepassamaquoddybay.org>  
▶ 2 Attachments, 9.9 KB

---

Bob,

Thank you for your email.

The April 8, 2014, event between the United States Coast Guard District 1 and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) "J" Division, New Brunswick was to formally sign the regional standard operating procedures for the Eastern Region International Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations—also known as Shiprider.

The Shiprider framework agreement was signed in 2009 and implementing legislation was enacted in 2012. The Shiprider program consists of integrated, jointly crewed vessels (with Canadian and U.S. officers working together) that undertake cross border maritime law enforcement operations to strengthen the security of the shared border. It enables seamless continuity of law enforcement operations across the border by removing the international maritime boundary as a barrier to effective law enforcement.

The Shiprider program is now currently operational in two locations (Vancouver/Blaine and Windsor/Detroit) and will be implemented at two other locations in Ontario in 2015, which are still to be determined. There is currently no permanent Shiprider operation in Passamaquody Bay, although future surge operations are expected to be deployed on an ad-hoc basis in this area.

While in Canada, operations are subject to Canadian laws, policies and procedures, and all operations are undertaken under the direction and control of Canadian law enforcement officers. It is the reciprocal arrangement in the U.S., whereby operations are subject to United States laws, policies and procedures, and all operations are undertaken under the direction and control of United States law enforcement officers. Shiprider operations can only take place in undisputed shared waterways (e.g., they would not occur in or around Machias Island, which is disputed territory).

Finally, Shiprider operations are intended to more effectively address cross-border criminality – not provide security escorts to commercial marine vessels.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Best regards,  
Aaron

Aaron Annable  
Consul - Foreign Policy and Diplomacy | Consul - Politique étrangère et diplomatie  
Consulate General of Canada in Boston | Consulat général du Canada à Boston  
Three Copley Place, suite 400, Boston, MA, 02116, USA  
Tel.: (617) 247-5120  
E-mail/courriel: [aaron.annable@international.gc.ca](mailto:aaron.annable@international.gc.ca)  
[www.boston.gc.ca](http://www.boston.gc.ca)



[Canada in Boston](#) | [Canada à Boston](#)



Government  
of Canada

Gouvernement  
du Canada

Canada