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Dear Shipping Agents and Interested Parties:

Please provide notice and information about the following items to vessels arriving at California ports. This letter addresses:

- 1) Implementation of biofouling management requirements**
- 2) Reminder about existing reporting requirements**

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF BIOFOULING MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Vessels are subject to California's biofouling management requirements as follows:

- New Vessels: Upon delivery on or after January 1, 2018
- Existing Vessels: Upon completion of the first regularly scheduled out-of-water maintenance on or after January 1, 2018

Biofouling management requirements include (see attached information sheets for details):

- Biofouling Management Plan
- Biofouling Record Book
- Biofouling management of wetted surfaces and niche areas
- Requirements for vessels with extended residency periods

For a complete copy of the biofouling management regulations (title 2, Cal. Code of Regulations section 2298.1 et seq.), go to:

<http://www.slc.ca.gov/Laws-Regs/Regulations.html>

### **REMINDER ABOUT EXISTING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

#### ***Annual Vessel Reporting Form***

All vessels that arrive at California ports must submit the Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form (hereafter Annual Vessel Reporting Form) once annually at least 24 hours in advance of the first arrival of each calendar year.

- The submission requirement starts anew on January 1, 2018

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***Ballast Water Management Report***

All vessels that arrive at California ports must submit the Ballast Water Management Report at least 24 hours prior to arrival at each port call in California. If a vessel's voyage is less than 24 hours, then the report shall be submitted upon departure from the last port of call prior to arrival.

**Please send all completed reports and forms to:**

Online: <https://misp.io>

Email: [bwform@slc.ca.gov](mailto:bwform@slc.ca.gov)

FAX: 562-499-6444

The preferred method of report and form submission to the Commission is through the online portal (<https://misp.io>) due to its user-friendly features including instant error checks, access to reporting history, and drop-down lists.

For more information about the California State Lands Commission's regulations or for copies of required reporting forms, please visit the Marine Invasive Species Program website: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP.html>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions at [nicole.dobroski@slc.ca.gov](mailto:nicole.dobroski@slc.ca.gov) or (916) 574-0742.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

- 1) [Biofouling and Ballast Water Management Information Sheet](#)
- 2) [Reporting and Recordkeeping Information Sheet](#)