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Dear Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

In response to recommendations by the California State Lands Commission (Commission), the Legislature passed and the Governor signed AB 1312 (O'Donnell, Chapter 644, Statutes of 2015). This bill will take effect on January 1, 2016.

AB 1312 amends the Marine Invasive Species Act. The specific statutes amended are Public Resources Code sections 71200, 71204.2, 71204.3, 71204.7, 71205, 71205.3, 71206, 71207, and 71210.5. AB 1312 will do the following:

- Delay implementation of California's interim ballast water discharge performance standards. The new implementation date is as follows:
 - Newly built vessels - First arrival on or after January 1, 2020;
 - Existing vessels - First dry docking on or after January 1, 2020;
- Delay implementation of California's final ballast water discharge performance standard until January 1, 2030;
- Extend until January 1, 2020, the deadline for vessels to apply for use of an experimental ballast water treatment system;
- Authorize the Commission to enforce vessel biofouling management requirements and assess vessel compliance with biofouling management requirements. This includes the authority to inspect vessels for compliance with biofouling management regulations;
- Change the deadline for submitting Ballast Water Reporting Forms to 24 hours in advance of arrival at a California port;
- Require all vessels that arrive at a California port or place with an installed ballast water treatment system to follow relevant reporting requirements; and
- Make several statutory clarifications that can be referenced by viewing the attached bill or by contacting the Commission's Marine Invasive Species Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the telephone number listed above or by email at Nicole.Dobroski@slc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Dobroski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Dobroski
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