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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) New information

- Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form
- Repeal of the Ballast Water Treatment Technology Annual Reporting Form, Ballast Water Treatment Supplemental Reporting Form, and the Hull Husbandry Reporting Form

2) Reminder about existing requirements

- Ballast Water Management Report

NEW INFORMATION

Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form

Effective October 1, 2017, 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.

- Note: In 2017, if a vessel arrived at a California port for the first time prior to October 1, 2017, then the vessel must submit the Hull Husbandry Reporting Form and the Ballast Water Treatment Technology Annual Reporting Form (if applicable). If a vessel arrives at a California port for the first time between October 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017, then the vessel must submit the Annual Vessel Reporting Form.

Repeal of the Ballast Water Treatment Technology Annual Vessel Reporting Form, Ballast Water Treatment Supplemental Reporting Form, and the Hull Husbandry Reporting Form

Vessels are no longer required to submit the following forms for arrivals at California ports on or after October 1, 2017:

- *Ballast Water Treatment Technology Annual Vessel Reporting Form*
- *Ballast Water Treatment Supplemental Reporting Form*
- *Hull Husbandry Reporting Form*

REMINDER ABOUT EXISTING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Ballast Water Management Report

All vessels that arrive at California ports must submit the *Ballast Water Management Report* 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.

To ensure compliance with reporting requirements under the Marine Invasive Species Act (Public Resources Code section 71200 et seq.), please:

- Supply vessel masters, owners, operators, or persons in charge with required reporting forms
- Inform vessel masters, owners, operators, or persons in charge of the submission requirements
- Encourage timely submission of all required forms
- Remind clients that failure to comply with form submission requirements may result in an administrative civil penalty applicable to the master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel

Please send all completed reports to:

Email: bwform@slc.ca.gov

FAX: 562-499-6444

Online: <https://misp.io>

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 or (916) 574-0742.

Sincerely,



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