

Pacific Ballast Water and Biofouling Group Agenda 2025

Long Beach, California
All times are in Pacific Time

Tuesday, April 29, 2025		
9:00 – 9:15am	Welcome and Introductions	Stephen Phillips, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
9:15 – 9:45	USCG	Joe Adamson, USCG (virtual)
9:45 – 10:15am	EPA's final Vessel Incidental Discharge National Standards of Performance.	Kelsey Watts-FitzGerald, EPA (virtual)
10:15 – 11:30am	State Agency Ballast Water Reports	Amanda Newsom/Ben Rubinoff, WDFW Chris Scianni, CSLC Josh Emerson, ORDEQ Elizabeth Monaghan/ Sarah Tom, HIDLNR
11:30 – 12pm	Response to Pulse Coral (<i>Unomia stolonifera</i>) and other octocorals and considerations for secondary pathways.	Christy Martin, CGAPS, UH Manoa
12:00 – 1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:00pm	MEPC 83 BEMA Update	Marcie Merksamer, EnviroManagement, Inc.
2:00 – 2:30pm	Port Biofouling Study and US EPA Vessel General Permit: Ballast Water Results	Lisa Drake, SGS Global Marine Services
2:30 – 3:00pm	International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and Related International Efforts to Address Biofouling and Non-Indigenous Species	Mario Tamburri University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
3:00 – 3:15pm	Break	
3:15 – 3:45pm	Technical Considerations for Sampling Ballast Water to Determine Compliance	Lina Ceballos, CSLC (virtual); Chris Brown, CSUM

3:45 – 4:15pm	Pacific States' Views on VIDA Implementation	Justin Bush, Amanda Newsom, WDFW; Chris Scianni, CSLC Josh Emerson, ORDEQ
4:15 – 4:45pm	Legislative/Other Discussion	Stephen Phillips, PSMFC
4:45pm	Adjourn	

Wednesday April 30, 2025		
8:30 – 9:00am	Golden Mussel Update	Martha Volkoff, CDFW (virtual)
9:00 – 9:30am	California's emergency rule for fresh/brackish ballast water to be discharged in fresh/brackish CA ports	Jonathan Thompson, CSLC (virtual)
9:30 – 10:00am	Using ballast water reports to assess the introduction risk of invasive species to Washington state	Amanda Newsom/Ben Rubinoff, WDFW
10:00 – 10:30am	Shipowner Training	Mark Riggio, Simplify Ballast
10:30 – 10:45am	Break	
10:45 – 11:15am	Advancements in Capture and Treatment Technology for In-water Hull Cleaning	Karl Lander, Subsea Global Solutions
11:15 – 11:45am	Testing Of Different Compliance Monitoring Devices.	Sarah Bailey, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (virtual)
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Does doing donuts in the ocean remove biofouling?	Chris Scianni, CSLC
12:00 pm	Adjourn	
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Port of Long Beach Field Trip	Alan Lowenthal Education Center 415 W Ocean Blvd Long Beach, CA 90802