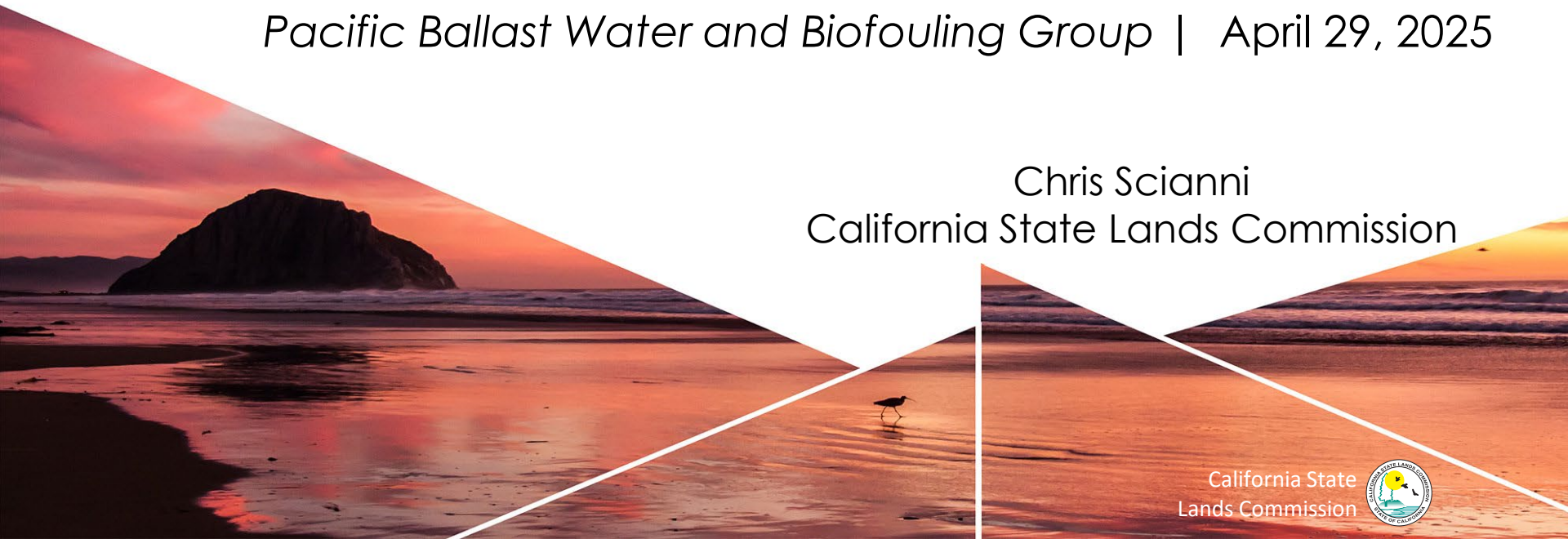




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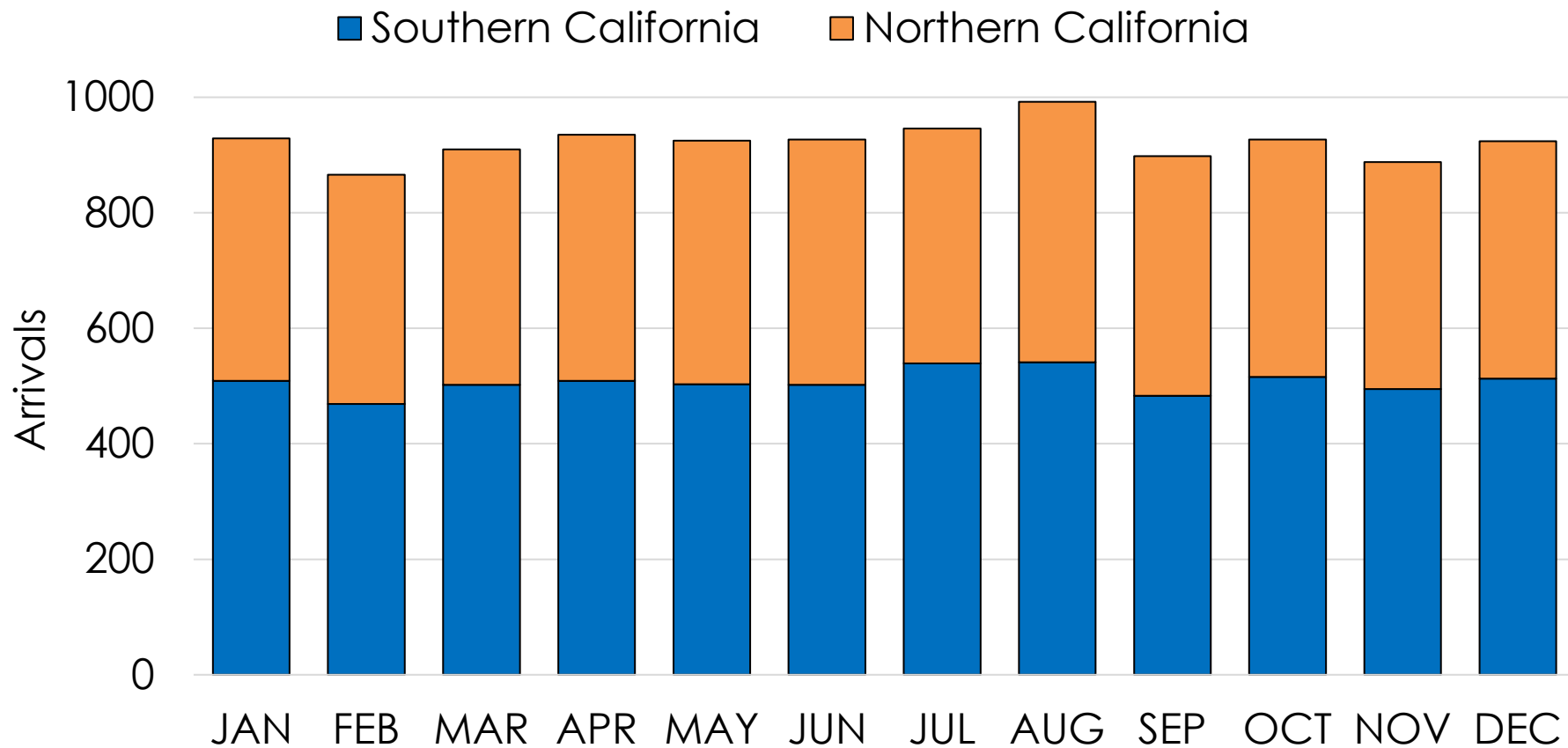


TOPICS

- Vessel Statistics
- MISP Enforcement
- MISP Updates

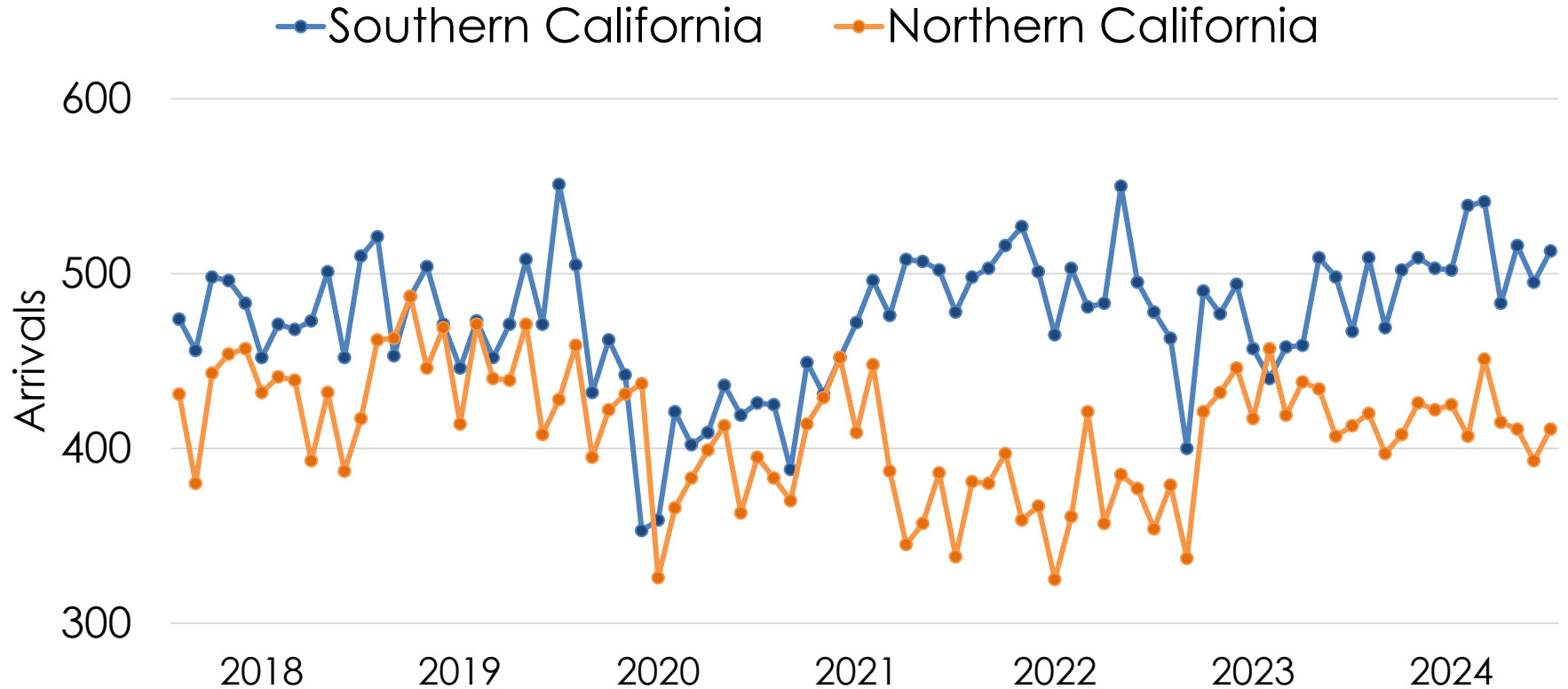


2024 Vessel Statistics – Arrivals (11,067)



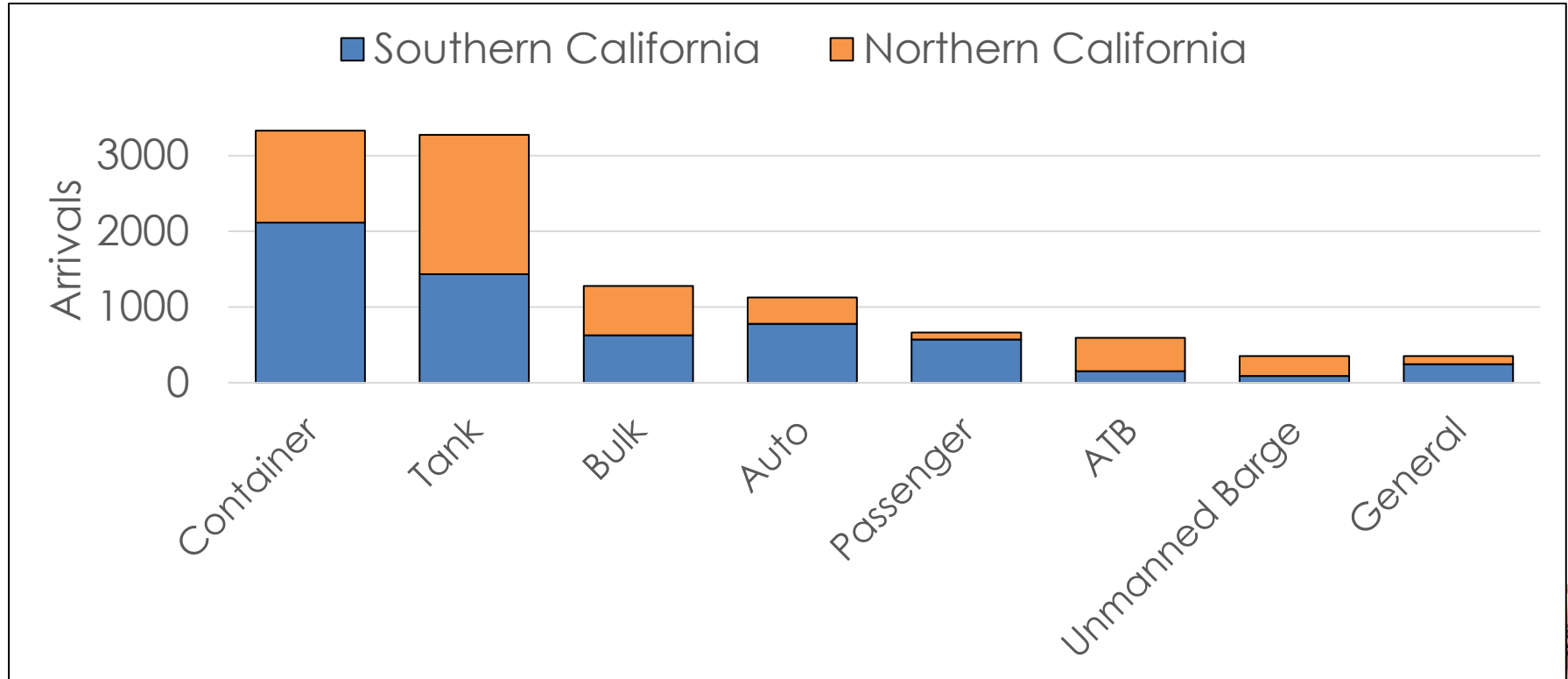
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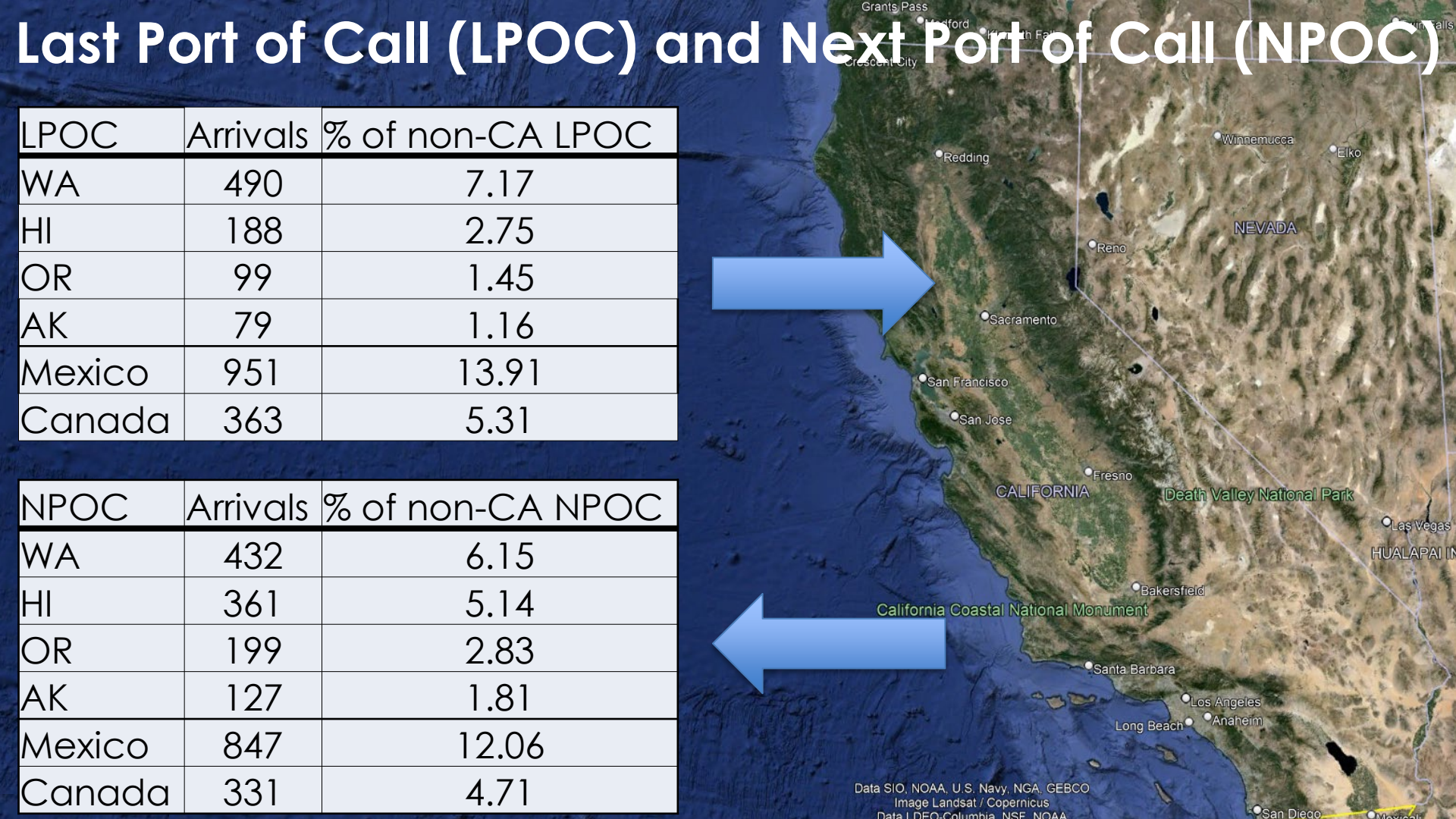
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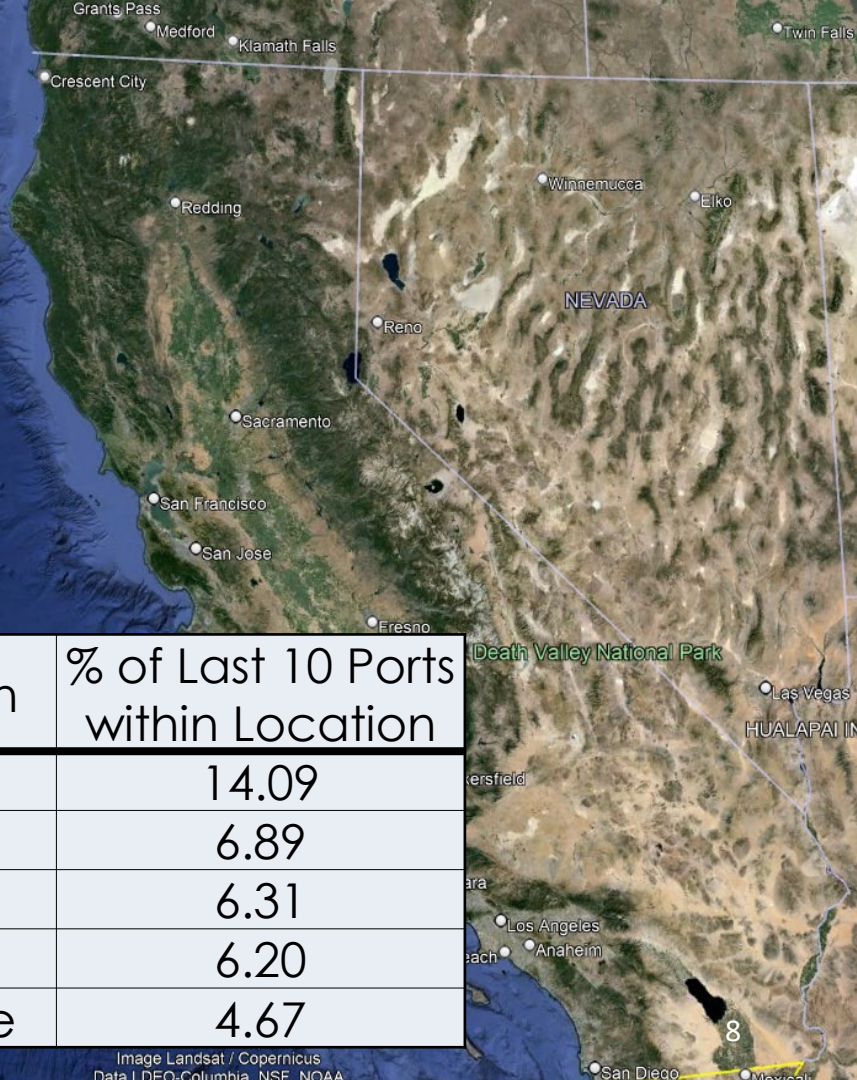
Ballast Water Source Location

Source	BW Discharge Volume (MT)	% of non-CA Discharge Volume
WA	238,507	3.46
OR	80,686	1.17
AK	87,265	1.27
HI	54,100	0.79
Mexico	1,263,582	18.34
Canada	91,959	1.33

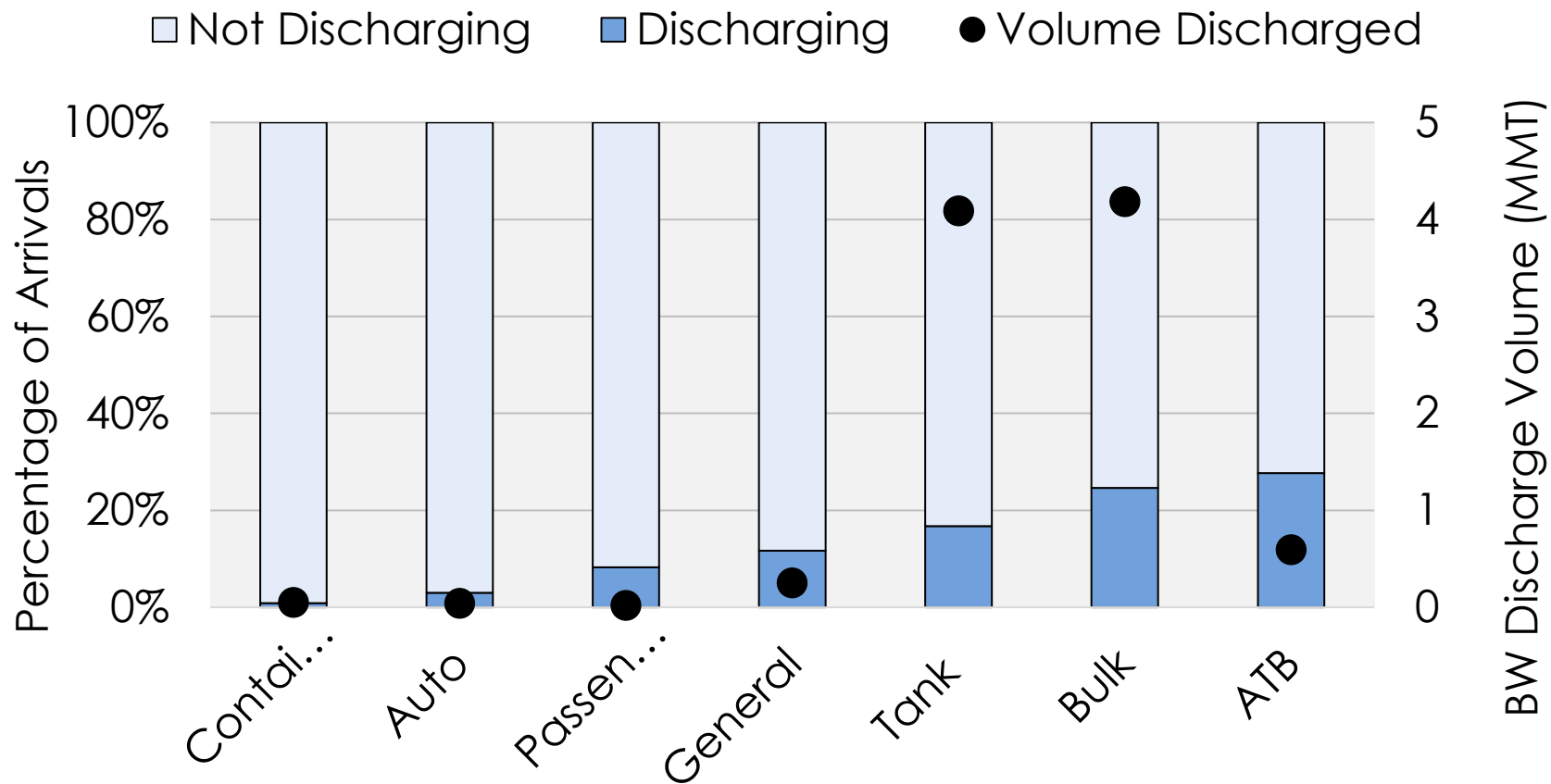
Last 10 ports visited

Location	% of Last 10 Ports within Location
WA	1.96
HI	0.68
OR	0.51
AK	0.49
Mexico	4.84
Canada	2.31

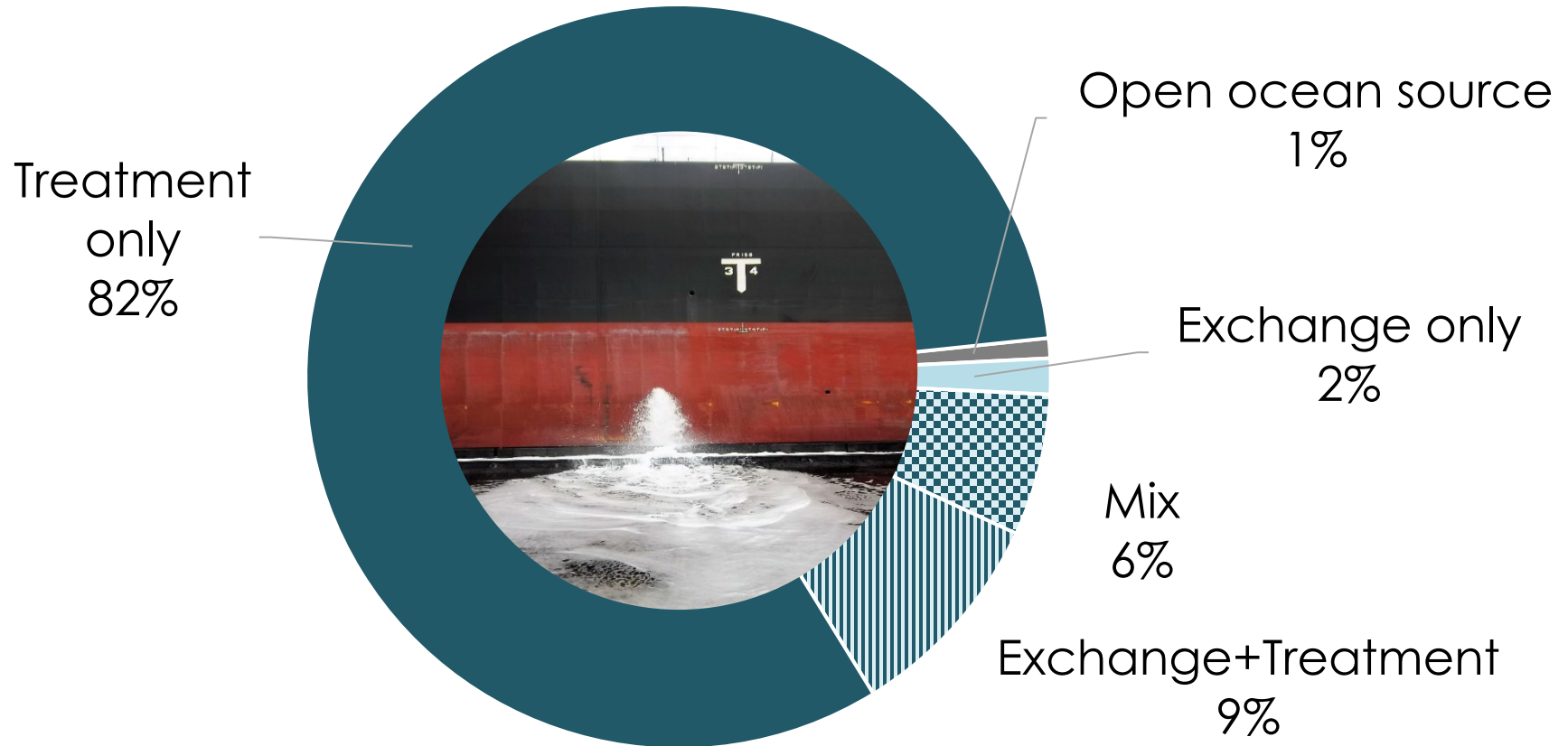
Location	% of Last 10 Ports within Location
China	14.09
Japan	6.89
US Other	6.31
Korea	6.20
Singapore	4.67



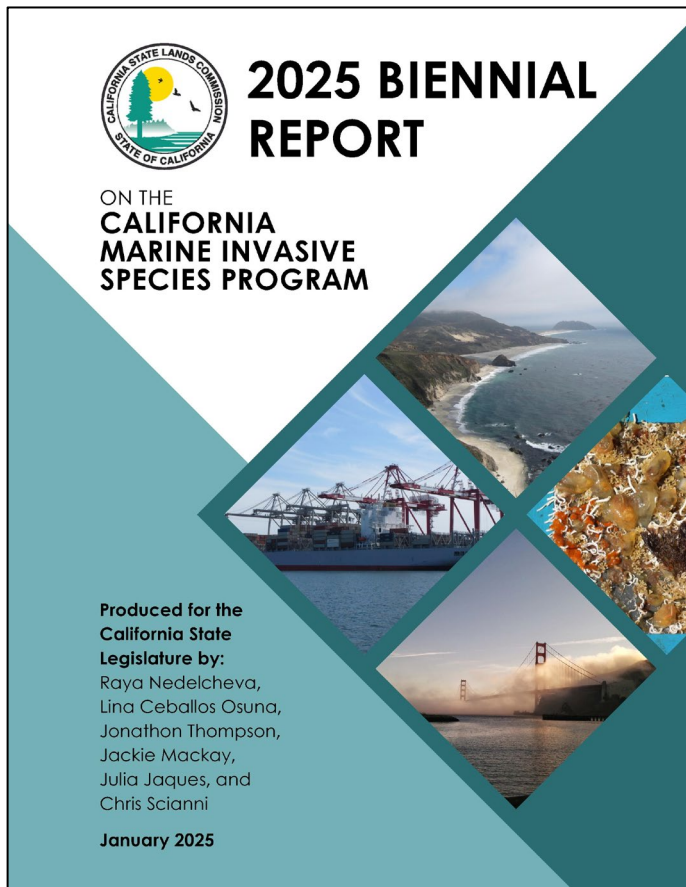
2024 Vessel Statistics – Ballast Discharge



2024 Ballast Water Management Strategies



2025 Biennial Report to the CA Legislature

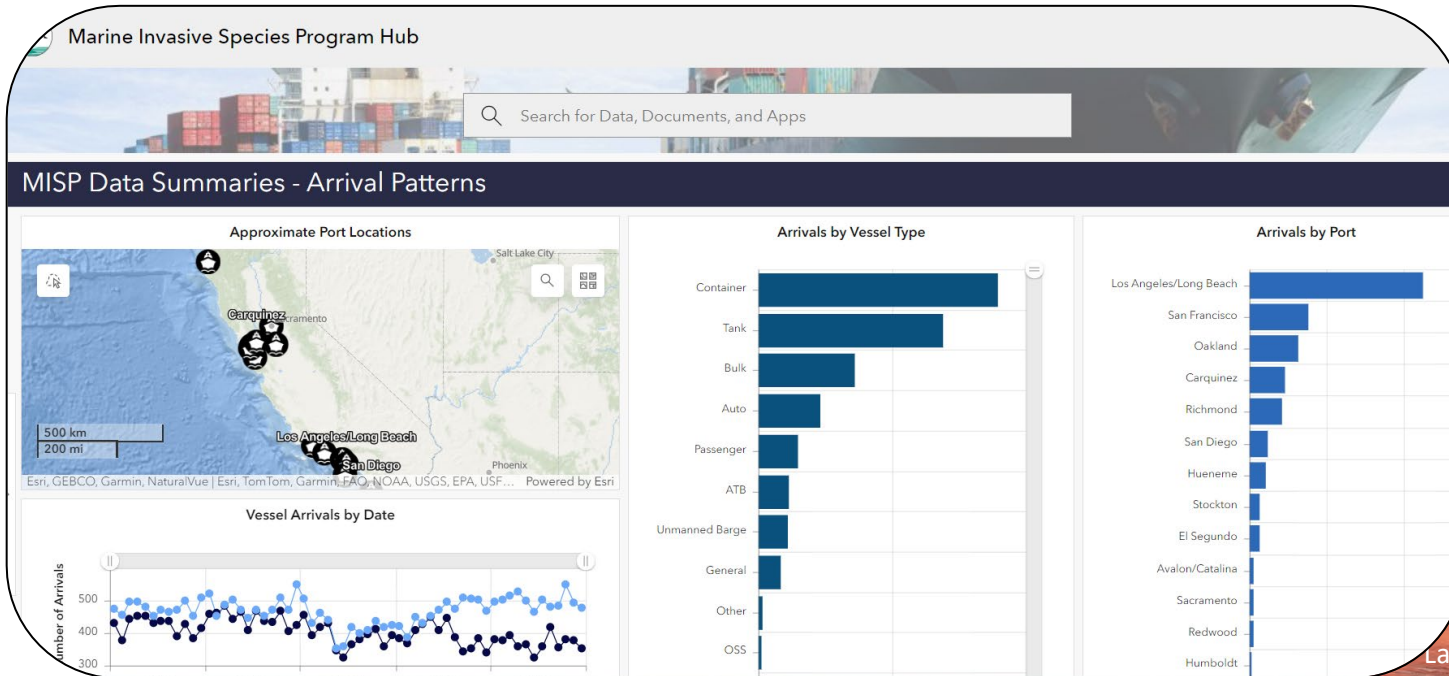


2025 Biennial Report

- Covers 2022-2023
- Vessel traffic data
- Ballast water and biofouling management data
- Vessel inspection and compliance data
- Program activities and accomplishments

Public Data Dashboards

- Updated quarterly
- Current year and historical data



CA Data



PacDASH



2024 MISP Enforcement: Assessing Compliance

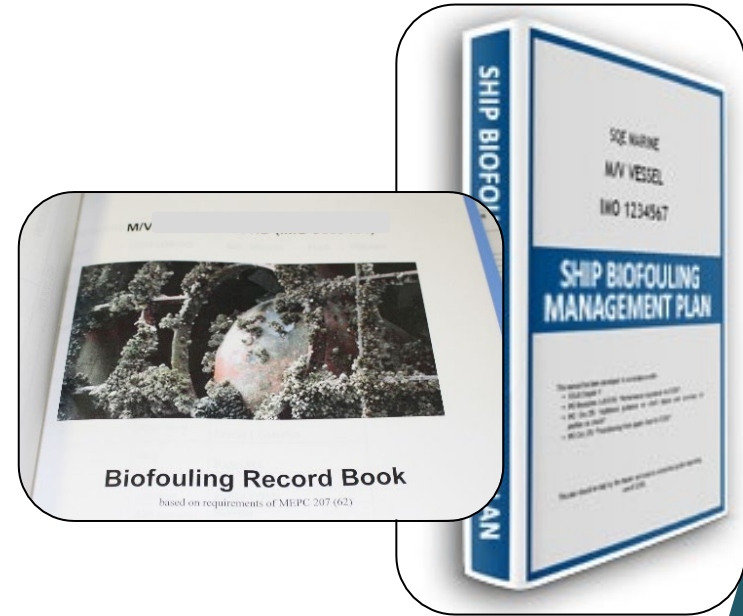


2024 MISP inspections:

- 17.4% of all arrivals
- 22.7% of *inspectable* arrivals

MISP Enforcement – 2024 Highlights

- Ballast Water violations:
 - 35 recordkeeping
 - 167 reporting
 - 8 BWTS-related
- Biofouling violations:
 - 113 recordkeeping
 - 112 60-day grace periods
 - 1 Notice of Violation
 - 61 reporting



Ballast Water Sampling



MISP Updates



Golden Mussels in California

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Introduction was result of noncompliance	Not necessarily; ballast water management \neq sterilization

Regulatory Changes – Amend Article 4.7 Via Emergency Rulemaking

What: Require ballast water exchange for vessels with fresh or brackish ballast water and intending to discharge in California's fresh or brackish water ports

When: Approved by Commission in February, not final until Office of Administrative Law process is complete

Why: To apply high saline ocean water as a biocide to supplement ballast water treatment

Regulatory Changes – Amend Article 4.9 Enforcement Regulations

What: Include violations of biofouling management requirements and ballast water discharge performance standards

When: Plan to release for public comment very soon

Why: Set up transparent process for assessing penalties for biofouling and ballast water discharge performance standards violations

2024 Peer-Reviewed Publications



<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/marine-science/articles/10.3389/fmars.2024.1323989/full>

All MISP peer-reviewed publications:

<https://www.slc.ca.gov/marine-invasive-species-program/peer-reviewed-journal-publications/>

MISP IN NUMBERS 2000-2024



238,635

Vessel arrivals

15,646

Unique vessels

25 YEARS

24 Staff
members



16 Interns



22
Legislative reports

242 Million metric
tons of ballast water
discharged

=

96,800 Olympic
pools



2,950 km²

of vessel wetted
surface area (indicator
for biofouling risk)

=

2.3 times
the city of
Los Angeles



Arrivals from
121 countries

18

Scientific
publications



cited
613
times

49,540

Vessel inspections



67
Inspectors





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