

WASHINGTON STATE INTERIM BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Applicability

The Washington State Law [RCW 77.120.030 (3)] requires vessel operators to file an Interim Ballast Water Management Report by July 1, 2006 for all vessels in commerce of three hundred gross tons or more, carrying ballast water into Washington State waters. Exceptions are listed in RCW 77.120.010. (RCW 77.120.030).

Penalty for Non-Compliance

Vessels that trade in Washington State waters between July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2007 must have an Interim Ballast Water Management Report on file with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and have a copy on-board the vessel. Noncompliance with this law may result in up to a \$500.00 fine.

Purpose of This Requirement

Ballast discharges have caused serious environmental and economic damage by introducing invasive species around the world. Reducing the risk of further damage will require improvements in ballast management practices. Washington State is taking steps to phase out the discharge of high-risk un-exchanged ballast into state waters. The International Maritime Organization and the United States Government are developing laws that will further reduce this risk by phasing out ballast exchange and requiring that all vessels treat their ballast to a specified standard. This report when completed will describe how vessel operators are planning to comply with upcoming changes in Washington State law.

Ballast Management Options in Washington State Prior to and after July 1, 2007

Prior to July 1, 2007
•No ballast Discharge
•Discharge water that originated solely within "local waters" (Defined Below)
•Exchange Ballast
•Treat Ballast
•Discharge high-risk un-exchanged ballast by declaring a safety exemption

After July 1, 2007
•No ballast Discharge
•Discharge water that originated solely within "local waters" (Defined Below)
•Exchange Ballast
•Treat Ballast
*Vessels that discharge non-compliant ballast may be subject up to a \$5,000 fine

Washington Local Waters - Waters of Washington state, the Columbia River system, or the internal waters of British Columbia south of latitude fifty degrees north, including the waters of the Straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca (*Figure 1*).

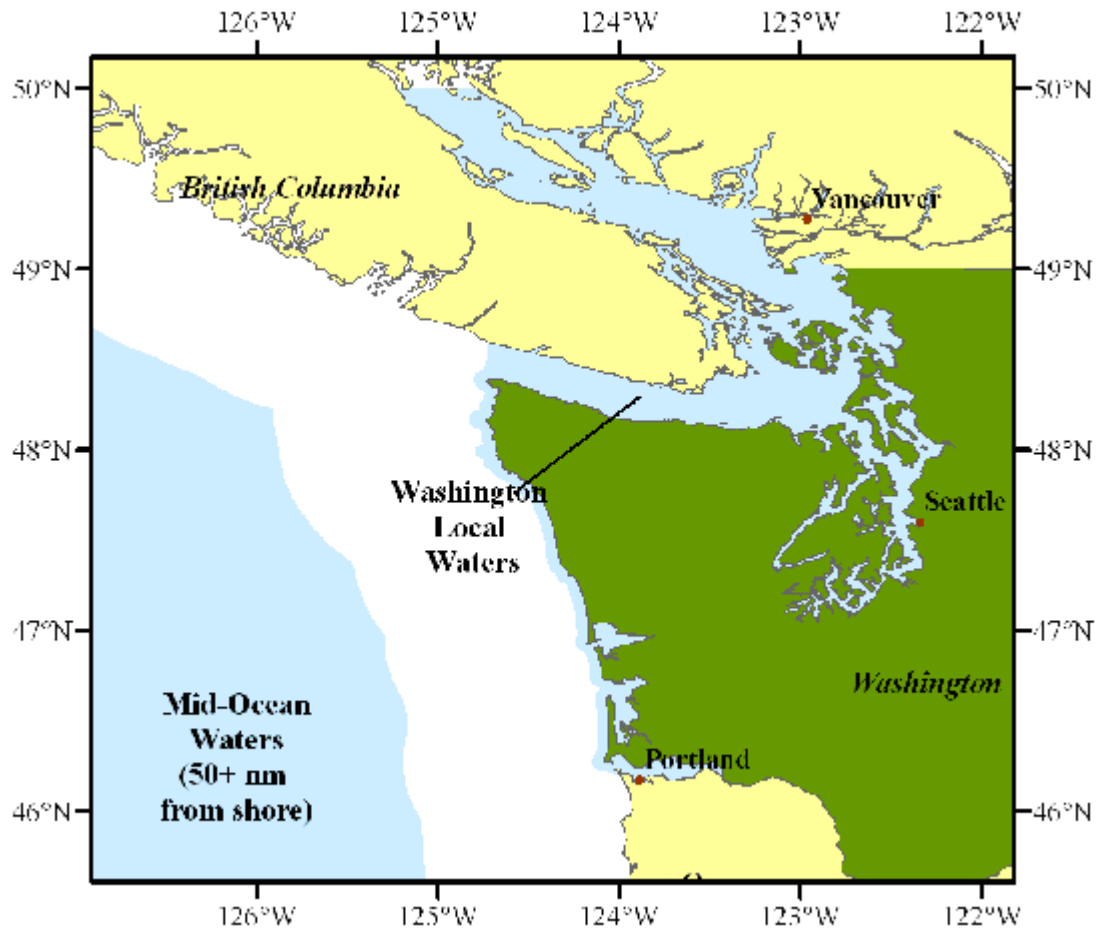


Figure 1 - Washington Local Waters

Required Format for the Washington State Interim Ballast Water Management Report

An electronic copy of the required form can be found on the WDFW web page at www.wdfw.wa.gov/fish-sh.htm or on the Marine Exchange web page at www.marineexchange.org or on the Merchants Exchange web page at www.pdxmex.com.

The completed and signed form can either be emailed to WDFW at ballastwater@dfw.wa.gov or faxed to WDFW at 360 902 2845 or mailed to WDFW, c/o Pam Meacham, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia, Washington 98501

Completion Instructions For: Washington State Interim Ballast Water Management Report Form

(Please type in English)

SECTION 1. OWNER/OPERATOR

Vessel(s) Owner Information: Write in the name of the registered owner(s) of the vessel. If under charter, enter Operator name. Also provide mailing address.

Responsible Party Information: Print the persons name, company and contact information (current phone number and email) of the person responsible for administering the management plan described below.

SECTION 2. FLEET INFORMATION

Vessel Name: Print the name of each vessel covered by this management report. A separate report is required for vessels that will use different methods of ballast management. For example: Five vessels may be listed in one report that are going to use the same type of ballast treatment system. A separate report would be required for another 5 vessels that intend to use ballast exchange and retaining ballast onboard as a management option.

Existing Vessel or New Build: Fill in "Existing Vessel" if this is an existing vessel currently in operation. Fill in "New Build 1", "New Build 2" etc., for vessels that are in a design or new construction phase, but not yet in operation.

IMO Number: Fill in identification number of the vessel used by the International Maritime Organization.

Type: List specific vessel type. Use the following abbreviations: bulk (bc), roro (rr), container (cs), tanker (ts), passenger (pa), oil/bulk ore (ob), general cargo (gc), reefer (rf). Write out any additional vessel types.

GT: What is the Gross Tonnage of the vessel?

Ballast Capacity: What is the maximum volume of ballast water used when no cargo is on board? *Please include volume units in m³.*

SECTION 3. BALLAST MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE PLAN (2007)

a. Retaining ballast: Check yes or no to indicate if the vessels ballast management plan considers retaining some or all ballast on board when in Washington State Waters.

b. Local waters: Check yes or no to indicate if the vessels ballast management plan includes the discharge of water that originated solely within local waters.

c. Ballast exchange: Check yes or no to indicate whether the vessels ballast management plan will include ballast exchange.

d. If unable to exchange: Safety exemptions will no longer be an acceptable management option in Washington State Waters after July 1, 2007. Vessel operators that are using ballast exchange should describe how they will manage ballast discharges into Washington State Waters if unable to conduct a safe exchange at sea.

e. Ballast Treatment System: Vessel operators that intend to use a ballast treatment system as a ballast management option should complete sub-sections **f.** through **l.**

Note: Dates supplied within sub-sections h. through k. can be estimated. Additional Comments under sub-section l. are optional.

FOOTER. SIGNATURE AND DATE

Signature of Responsible Party: Forms submitted by fax or mail, require the signature of the responsible party. Forms submitted by email do not require a signature, however the responsible party sending the form by email is certifying that all information contained is complete and accurate. If you choose to send the PDF version of the form by email a message will inform you that "you are sending a data file only, not the form;" This is the correct submittal process.

Date of Submission: Provide date on which form was submitted.

1. Owner/Operator**Vessel(s) Owner/Operator Information:****Responsible Party Information:**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State/Province Zip _____
 Country _____
 Telephone Number _____
 Email _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State/Province Zip _____
 Country _____
 Telephone Number _____
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2. Fleet Information

	Vessel Name	Existing Vessel, or New Build	IMO #	Type	GT	Ballast Capacity
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Notes:

1. If you need to list additional vessels please use the Washington State Interim Ballast Report form available in Microsoft Word format.
2. Use one reporting form for each ballast water management plan.
3. See attached instruction form.

3. Ballast Management Compliance Plan (2007)

a. Does this management plan include retaining ballast on board?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Does this management plane include the discharge of water that originated solely within "local waters?"		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Does this management plan include ballast exchange ?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. If considering ballast exchange: How will you handle ballast if unable to exchange at sea?					
e. Does this management plan include a ballast treatment system ? If yes, complete f. through l.		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Vendor Company					
g. Vendor Contact					
h. Final System Selection Date			j. System Purchase Date		
i. System Installation Date			k. System Operational Date		
l. Additional Comments					

Responsible Party Signature: _____ Date: _____

By submitting this form by email, the responsible party is certifying that all information provided is complete and accurate.