Public Input Meeting Port of San Diego In-Water Hull Cleaning Regulations





Agenda

- 1. Welcome / Participation Guidelines
- 2. Meeting Purpose / Objectives
- 3. TMDL & Water Quality Basics
- 4. Overview of 2012 Regulations
- Reason for Regulation Review
- 6. Topics for Consideration
- 7. Public Discussion
- 8. Next Steps & Schedule



Meeting Rules and Guidelines

General rules of conduct:

- 1. All perspectives are valued
- 2. One person speaks at a time
- 3. No perspective should dominate conversations
- 4. Meeting attendees treat others, and others' perspectives with respect
- Collaborative problem solving is encouraged



Purpose of Public Meetings

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Seek public input on Port's In-Water Hull Cleaning Regulations (Ordinance, Permit Program and Best Management Practices (BMP))

Objectives

- Update public on TMDL and copper reduction efforts
- Discuss regulation review process
- Hear input from the public
- Use input during Ordinance/Permit updates



Copper: Why is it a concern?

- Accumulates in water, sediments, marine plants, and animals causing long term toxicity
- Changes the food web in the marine environment by eliminating certain species

Water Quality Objectives: What are they?

- Regulatory thresholds for pollutants and drive the "why" for TMDL/ water quality impairments
- Based on California Toxics Rule (CTR)
 - Water Quality Objective is chronic exposure limit of 3.1 ug/L



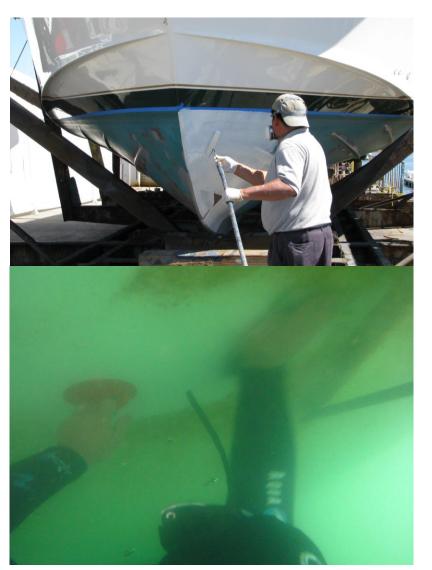
Copper: Where does it come from?

Copper Antifouling Paints

- Preferred Paint of Choice
- Passive Leaching

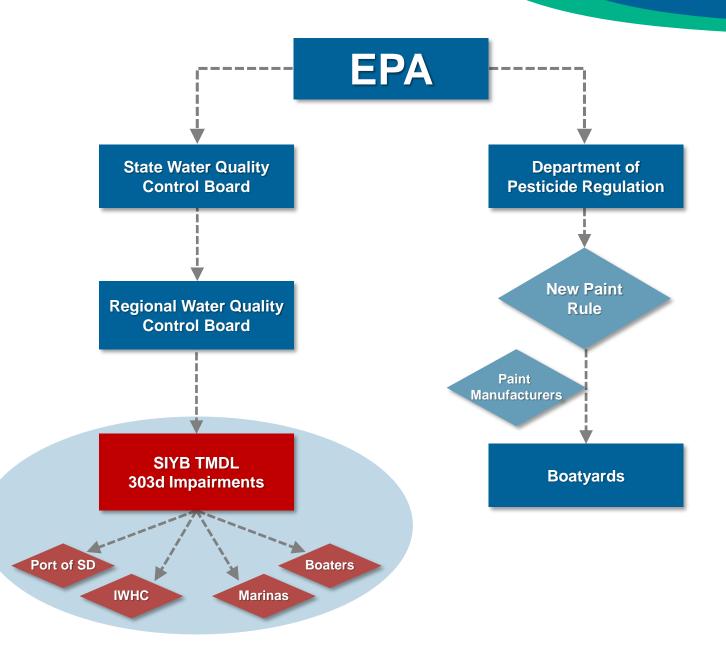
In-water hull cleaning

- Power cleaning methods
- Hand cleaning methods



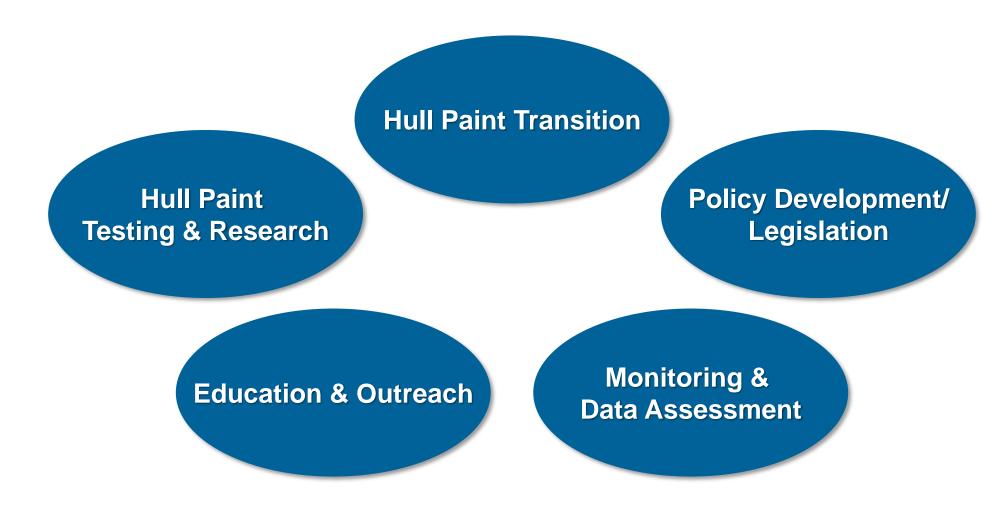


Water Quality Regulatory Process





The Port's Copper Reduction Program





Copper Reduction Program: Policy Development/Legislation

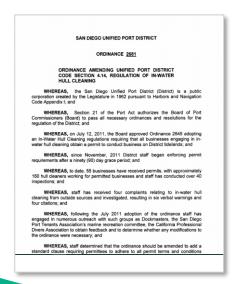
- Goal: Seek Regulatory Change
 - State-wide changes to hull paints completed
 - DPR Paint re-evaluation completed
 - Hull Cleaning Policies/Permits ongoing



Overview of Port's 2012 Regulations

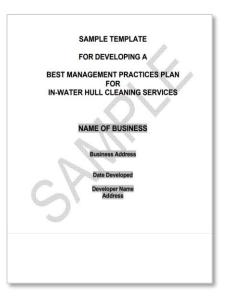
Current Regulations include four main elements:

- <u>Port Code Section 4.14</u> Contains prohibitions and provisions required for divers, boaters, marinas; provides the Port the enforcement authority to legally require the terms of the Permit and Ordinance
- <u>Permit</u> –Issued to those operating in-water hull-cleaning businesses on Port Tidelands
- <u>Diver Identification Card-</u> Issued to individuals performing services on behalf of a permitted business
- BMP Plans- Plans created by businesses; expected to be followed during all cleaning activities









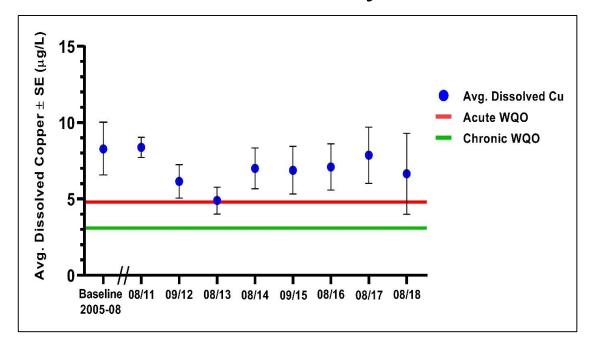


Why Update IWHC Regulations?

TMDL Compliance Schedule

Stage	Years	Loading Reduction	Load Target (kg/yr)
1	2007	0%	2,163
2	2012	10% 🗸	1,900
3	2017	40% 🗸	1,300
4	2022	76%	567

SIYB Water Quality Results



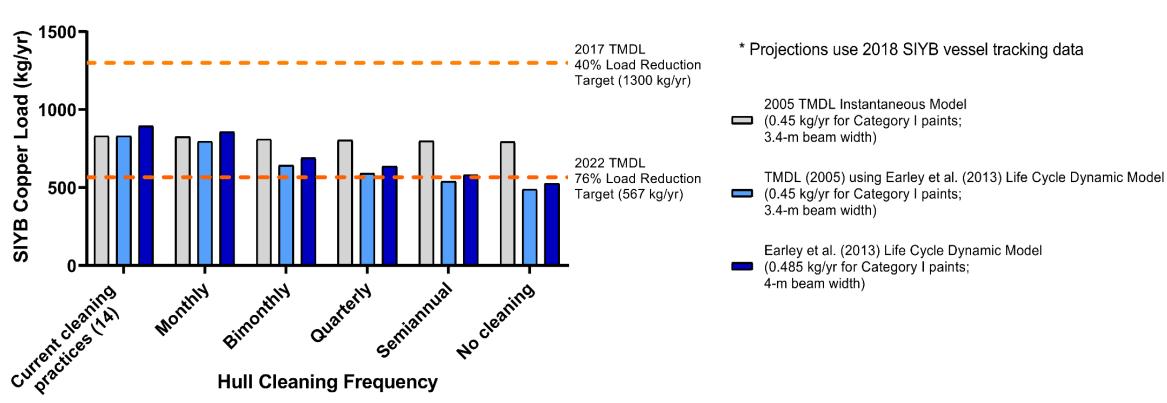
Less than 30 months until TMDL required compliance deadline



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Loading Projections for Various Hull Cleaning Scenarios

(following full implementation of DPR Rule)





Topics for Consideration

- 1. BMP Requirements
- 2. Permit Issuance
- 3. Programmatic Tracking
- 4. Enforcement



Regulations apply ONLY to Copper Antifouling Paints



Topic #1- BMP Requirements

Evaluating:

- Align with Department of Pesticide Regulation
 - No more than 1x/month cleaning of copper based AFPs
 - Using materials no more abrasive than soft pile carpet
- Restrictions on in-slip use of mechanical cleaning methods
- BMP Plan effectiveness

- Water Quality has "flat-lined"
- Concerns from marinas and yacht club managers, other stakeholders about BMPs not being followed
- Best available science indicates greater than 5% loading contribution from IWHC



Topic #2 – Permit Issuance

Evaluating:

- Effectiveness of permit issuance process
- Permitting for <u>Business</u> or <u>Business and Diver</u>
- Appropriateness of fees, insurance, permit term

- Concerns from marinas and yacht clubs
- Concerns from divers
- Port staff inspection observations



Topic #3 – Programmatic Tracking

Evaluating:

- Tracking for new/additional BMP requirements
- Mechanisms to track boats being cleaned by divers
- Mechanisms to track frequency of cleanings

- Divers need to know paint types being cleaned
- Improvements to the check-in process
- Provides mechanism to assess compliance



Topic #4 - Enforcement

Evaluating:

- Enforcement effectiveness
- Mechanisms to improve enforcement
- Appropriate enforcement approaches

- Divers not checking in with marinas when arriving by boat
- Divers not using proper BMPs
- Potential mis-use of permit and/or Diver Identification Cards



Facilitated Discussion

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Next Steps

- Compile comments and draft Response to Comments
- 2. Ordinance revisions
- 3. Distribute Draft Ordinance for public review
- 4. Further workshops
- 5. Board Ordinance adoption



Schedule (proposed)

Public Engagement Sessions

Oct 2-3, 2019

Draft
Ordinance and
Permit
revisions
released to the
public

Nov 2019

Ordinance to Board of Port Commissioners for approval

Dec 10, 2019

Quarterly Water Quality Monitoring to evaluate impact of revised regulations

Mar 2020-Aug 2021

TMDL Compliance Deadline

Dec 31, 2022



















Oct 8, 2019

Staff to discuss IWHC regulations at Board of Port Commissioner's Meeting Nov-Dec 10, 2019

Public comment period

Feb 1, 2020

New permit applications required

Aug 2021

Back to Board of Port Commissioners with evaluation of new regulation



