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Dear Shipping Agents and Interested Parties:

Your assistance in providing information to vessels arriving at California ports regarding the following is appreciated.

This letter will address:

- 1) NEW REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES ACT**
- 2) CALIFORNIA PORTS RECOGNIZED BY THE MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM FOR REPORTING PURPOSES**

- (1) The California State Lands Commission (Commission) recently adopted regulations to codify the Marine Invasive Species Act Enforcement and Hearing Process (Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 2299.01 et seq.). The regulations will be effective on July 1, 2017.

The regulations codify policies and procedures the Executive Officer of the Commission shall undertake in assessing administrative civil penalties as allowed by Public Resources Code section 71216. By establishing this administrative enforcement process for violations of the Marine Invasive Species Act, the risk of transferring nonindigenous species from vessels into state waters can be further decreased.

For more information and copies of all regulatory documents, please go to:

<http://www.slc.ca.gov/Laws-Regs/Proposed-MISP4-9.html>

- (2) The Marine Invasive Species Act requires vessels that arrive at a California port, are 300 gross registered tons or more, and are carrying or capable of carrying ballast water, to submit a U.S. Coast Guard Ballast Water Management Report (OMB No. 1625-0069) to the Commission.

Vessels are required to submit the Ballast Water Management Report at least 24 hours before the vessel arrives at that California port. If the vessel's voyage is less than 24 hours, the vessel must submit the report prior to departing the port of departure. (For example, for a voyage from the Port of Los Angeles to the Port of San Diego, a vessel must submit the Ballast Water Management Report prior to departing the Port of Los Angeles.)

Vessels moving from one California port to another are required to file a separate Ballast Water Management Report for each port arrival. Vessels must accurately list all ballast water management

activities on the forms submitted. If ballast water management or discharge information changes for an arrival, a corrected form must be submitted.

For reporting purposes, the following places are recognized as separate ports by the Marine Invasive Species Program. All terminals, berths, and anchorages within each port area are considered a part of that port.

- 1) Richmond
- 2) Oakland
- 3) San Francisco (including all San Francisco Bay anchorage locations)
- 4) Redwood City
- 5) Carquinez – All marine oil terminals and anchorages in the Carquinez Strait, extending east to the Antioch Bridge
- 6) Sacramento
- 7) Stockton
- 8) Humboldt Bay (including Eureka)
- 9) Monterey
- 10) Moss Landing
- 11) Morro Bay
- 12) Santa Barbara
- 13) Carpinteria
- 14) Hueneme
- 15) Los Angeles/Long Beach (including all anchorage locations within the breakwater)
- 16) El Segundo
- 17) Avalon/Catalina
- 18) Camp Pendleton
- 19) San Diego

For information about the Marine Invasive Species Program's regulations or for copies of required reporting forms, please visit our website: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP.html>.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Please contact me with any questions at nicole.dobroski@slc.ca.gov or (916) 574-0742.

Sincerely,



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