



# CALIFORNIA'S MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

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## California's Emergency Ballast Water Rule Ballast Water Requirements for Vessels Discharging at California's Low Salinity Ports

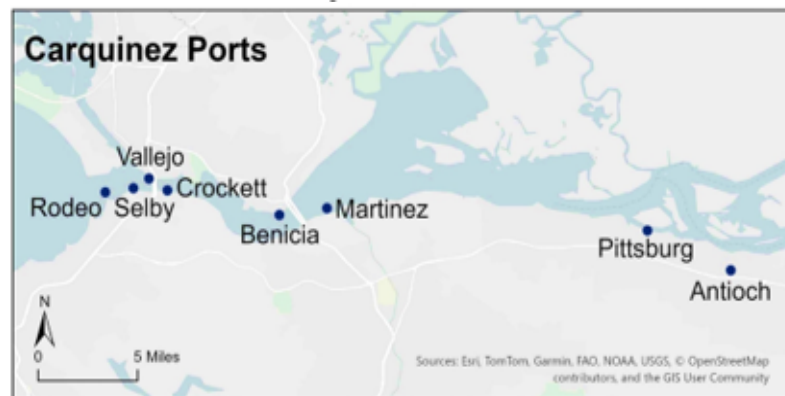
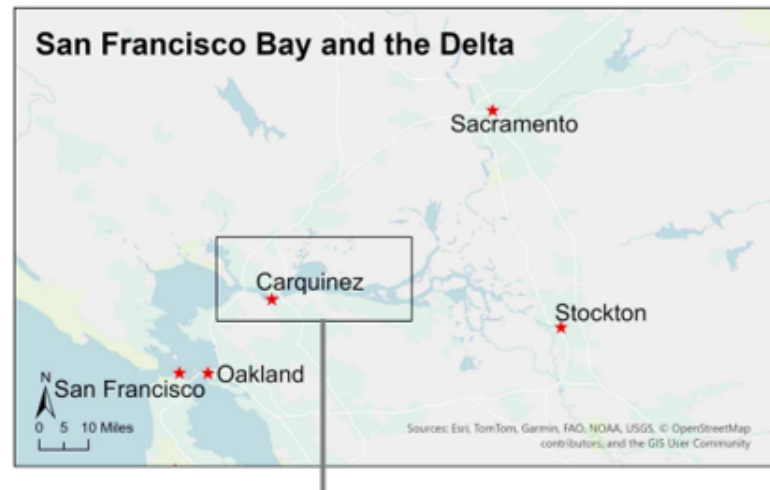
### ***When is the rule in effect?***

The rule is effective as of June 16, 2025

### ***Which vessels are subject to California's new emergency ballast water management rule?***

Vessels are subject if all three conditions below are true:

- Arriving at **Sacramento, Stockton**, or any port in the San Francisco Bay area from the Port of Rodeo east, including the ports of Vallejo, Selby, Crockett, Benecia, Martinez, Pittsburg, and Antioch. See maps of San Francisco Bay and Carquinez Ports for reference.
- Discharging ballast water
- Ballast water sourced from waters with a measured salinity of less than 18 parts per thousand



**NOTE:** Although the U.S. federal requirements may differ, this emergency rule does not require vessels to exchange ballast water that is solely sourced and discharged within the San Francisco Bay area east of the Golden Gate Bridge, including the Ports of Stockton and Sacramento.

### ***What are the new ballast water management requirements for vessels subject to the emergency rule?***

- Meet the existing ballast water discharge performance standards
- Exchange ballast water at least 50 nautical miles from land prior to discharge
- Ensure that the salinity of discharged ballast water is at or above 30 ppt (ocean salinity)