

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** July 19, 2018  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **New Copper Leach-Rate Regulations for Vessel Bottom Paints**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Harbor Commission receive a report from the State Department of Pesticide Regulation on new leach-rate regulations for vessel bottom paints in California Harbors.

**DISCUSSION:**

Information about and compliance with regulations related to vessel bottom paints (anti-fouling paints, or "AFPs") have been longstanding elements of the Waterfront's Clean Marina Program. Recently, the State Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) implemented new regulations governing the rate at which copper leaches into the ocean from AFPs. These regulations, which went to effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, will govern the types of bottom paints distributed by manufacturers and available to boatyards and recreational boaters.

Aniela Burant, an environmental scientist with DPR will present an overview of the new rules and answer questions from the Commission and the public.

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