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On January 19, 2017, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission adopted amendments to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's ballast water management rules, OAR Chapter 340, Division 143.

The rule amendments do not take effect until March 1, 2017.

The amendments:

- Require vessel operators to conduct a mid-ocean saltwater flush of empty ballast tanks prior to ballasting and subsequently de-ballasting from such tanks while in state waters, and
- Retain ballast water exchange requirements, in addition to meeting new federal ballast water discharge standards, for a subset of vessel arrivals that represent a high risk for transporting aquatic invasive species to low-salinity harbors in Oregon

The adopted rules are available as an attachment to the EQC staff report which you can find here: [Ballast Water Rule Amendments EQC Staff Report](#).

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