From: HOOFF Rian
To: GOLDSTEIN Meyer
Subject: RE: ballast2016
Date: Thursday, December 03, 2015 12:14:05

Meyer – the following provides more detail, per your request. I could go further into regulatory background and specific management strategies that are being considered, but it would require a significant increase in the amount of detail – more than I would think is appropriate for a webpage overview/announcement. If necessary, we can talk further at 1 about the purpose of this webpage.

Rian

The Oregon DEQ Ballast Water Management Program is preparing to revise regulatory rules under OAR 340-143. The revisions will primarily be in response to regulatory changes being promulgated at the Federal level and to ensure that commercial vessel management practices sufficiently protect Oregon waterways from threats posed by aquatic invasive species. The rulemaking effort will be carried out according to authorities established by Oregon Revised Statute 783 and House Bill 2207 (2015), and specifically aim to address prevention strategy gaps involving ballast transfer from vessel operations that represent a high risk for transporting aquatic invasive species from distant ports. The Task Force on Shipping Transport of Aquatic Invasive Species established recommendations for addressing these threats in 2014, and will serve as the basis for a rulemaking advisory committee.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 11:10 AM
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Rian,

The sequence for establishing web pages for this rulemaking is a little off. For future reference, all web requests must go through either me or Emi Hnidey. The rulemaking program has established processes and forms it uses to communicate with the web team so that all requirements are covered and all necessary steps are taken at the proper time.

I am in the process of having your main rulemaking page created. I need some additional information.

Below is the description you provided for your advisory committee page. It is not sufficient. It states we are revising the rules, but not why or how. Can you please provide a little more explanation about why we are undertaking this rulemaking and what changes we are considering.

Thank you.

The Oregon Ballast Water Management Program plans to revise regulatory rules

(OAR 340-143) in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 783, House Bill 2207 (2015), and recommendations from the Task Force on Shipping Transport of Aquatic Invasive Species. An advisory committee made up of task force members and additional interested parties will guide DEQ's rulemaking effort.

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