# Ballast Water Management

## & Noise Control Regulations

### THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES:

* Invitation to Comment
* Rulemaking Notice
* Draft Rules

DEQ invites public input on proposed permanent rule amendments to chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

### DEQ proposal

DEQ proposes the following changes to OAR 340, division number **143** that will:

* 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.

DEQ also proposes the following changes to OAR 340, division number **35** that will: move tables and reference documents from a source that is external to the official published version of the rules and incorporates those documents into the official published version of the rules.

### More information

Information about this rulemaking is on this rulemaking’s web page: http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2015/ballast2016.aspx

### Public Hearings

DEQ will hold the following public hearings on this rulemaking:

3-5pm, Wednesday May 18, 2016
DEQ Headquarters, 811 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204
CONFERENCE CALL-IN PHONE NUMBER: 877-873-8017
CONFERENCE CALL PARTICIPANT ID: 8623645

### What will happen next?

DEQ will include a written response to comments in a staff report DEQ will submit to the Environmental Quality Commission. DEQ may modify the rule proposal based on the comments.

### Present proposal to the EQC

Proposed rules only become effective if the Environmental Quality Commission adopts them. DEQ plans to present the proposed rules to the commission for a decision at its meeting on August 17-18, 2016.

### How to comment on this rulemaking proposal

DEQ is asking for public comment on the proposed rules. Anyone can submit comments and questions about this rulemaking.

### Comment deadline

DEQ will only consider comments on the proposed rules that DEQ receives by 4 p.m., on Monday May 23, 2016.

#### Submit comment online

<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2015/ballast2016.aspx>

http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/comments/Ccodename.aspx

#### Submit though optional protected email

*-only for public university and OHSU students*

LINK TO STUDENT COMMENT MAILBOX:

comment-codename@deq.state.or.us

#### By mail

Oregon DEQ

Attn: Rian vanden Hooff

811 SW Sixth Avenue

Portland, OR 97204-1390

#### At hearing

May 18, 2016

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### Accessibility information

You may review copies of all documents referenced in this announcement at:

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

811 SW Sixth Avenue

Portland, OR, 97204

To schedule a review of all websites and documents referenced in this announcement, call Rian vanden Hooff, Portland, at 503-229-6865 (800-452-4011, ext. 5622 toll-free in Oregon).

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