



Re the California Water Control Board's decision-making regarding copper based paints on boats, boaters and Marina Del Rey, I would like to stimulate a more harmonious and effective environment than currently exists.

Recognizing that this issue has sparked controversy on many levels, I would like to propose the following:

That the State of California Water Control Board - before implementing any rules and regulations upon boat owners regarding bottom paint removal and treatment(s) - review and certify in an ongoing manner acceptable solutions to current bottom treatment processes. Such shall include announcing and publishing to the marine industry standards that have been established and scientifically validated by an independent, non-political research institution which would accomplish the goal of minimizing bottom paint as a source of pollution.

It seems only logical that before forcing boat owners into an abyss of unproven "solutions" that affordable, proven solutions be made available in an ongoing, maturing manner. There currently is too much anger, politics and deficiencies for the process to move forward properly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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