

“Safer Alternatives to Copper Antifouling Paints” Project Stakeholder Work Group

**Draft Mission Statement and Principles of Participation
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Safer Alternatives to Copper Antifouling Paints Project is to assist the Port of San Diego and the Institute for Research and Technical Assistance with identifying viable alternatives to copper-based antifoulant paint and encouraging the transition away from copper paints toward safer alternatives.

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Role of Work Group Members

To achieve the mission of the work group, participants are being asked to:

- Provide input on viable paints.
- Provide input on panel and boat testing protocols.
- Review and provide input on analysis of panel and boat testing.
- Provide input on informational materials about the application and maintenance of the selected alternative paints.

Representation

Participants were selected based on several qualities:

- Willingness to work cooperatively with other work group members.
- Ability to provide the perspective of stakeholders interested in issues involving copper-based antifoulant paints and their environmental impacts.
- Commitment to regularly attend and actively participate in work group meetings.

Term

The work group is anticipated to meet from April 2008 to June 2010.

Discussion Process

Work group members agree to abide by the following discussion process:

- All perspectives are valued.
- One person speaks at a time.
- The preferred deliberation process is collaborative problem solving.
- In cases of non-consensus, alternative perspectives will be acknowledged.
- Work group members treat each other with respect.
- A professionally trained facilitator with no stake in the outcome will lead the meetings.

Meeting Attendance

For the process to work effectively, full participation of members will be essential. Work group members are asked to commit to attend meetings consistently, in person or, if necessary, by phone. If a work group member becomes unavailable to attend a meeting, he or she may send an alternate to monitor that meeting. The alternate should be briefed by the work group member regarding the status of prior discussions and decisions and should commit to briefing the work group member following the meeting.

Support

A professional facilitator will conduct all work group meetings. The role of the facilitator is to ensure all perspectives are heard through a collaborative discussion process. Port staff and consultants will provide technical and logistical support, including making presentations, answering questions and providing meeting handouts.

Meeting Agendas

Port of San Diego staff will prepare meeting agendas in consultation with the facilitator.

Observers

Observers are welcome at work group meetings. However, meetings are intended for the benefit of the work group members to promote balanced, constructive interaction. Observers will be asked to refrain from commenting during the proceedings. The facilitator will invite comments from observers throughout each meeting. Those comments should be directed to the work group's mission. The facilitator will exercise flexibility in allocating the amount of time observers will be allowed to address the work group. Members of the public who cannot attend a meeting may listen and make comments by phone through a call in number.

Media

Members will be asked not to make statements about the group's deliberations to the media until the project has been completed and the grant report finalized. Port staff and consultants will also refrain from such statements about the work group's deliberations. The purpose of this request is to promote constructive, candid dialog among work group members.

Work Product

The product of the work group is the list viable alternative paints and informational materials. The work group input will be acknowledged in the grant report.

