Promising Practices for AA: Perspectives from the bottom of a boat

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Promising practices and unexpected challenges WA State Antifouling Boat Paint AA



State of Washington copper phase-out in recreational antifouling boat paints

- Legislation in Washington calls for a phase-out of copperbased recreational antifouling boat paint
 - Chapter 70.300 RCW, Recreational Water Vessels-Antifouling Paints: <u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/Rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.300&full=true</u>
 - Called for an alternatives assessment
 - Result
 - Two-year delay to study impacts of biocides and to do modeling work. Now comes into effect January 1, 2021 unless further legislation is passed.
 - Exception for wooden boats





Five steps of an AA Using the IC2 AA Guide: Which Modules?



Full WA State Antifouling Boat Paint AA is available on NGC's website

Scoping: Alternatives Assessments (AA) solve for X: WA State Antifouling Boat Paint AA

Alternatives Assessment: process for identifying and comparing potential chemical and non-chemical alternatives that can be used as substitutes to replace chemicals or technologies of high concern. (IC2 AA Guide)



IC2 AA Guide: http://theic2.org/alternatives_assessment_guide

Scoping: which products?



Scoping: which stakeholders?



Customizing the modules: which life cycle stages?



Customizing the modules: which hazard traits?



Understanding performance



https://www.practical-sailor.com/blog/Barnacles-Consume-Test-Panels-at-18-Months-11646-1.html https://www.mby.com/maintenance/tried-tested-antifoul-81351

Safer alternatives and adoption: different test methods and practices may be necessary

Effectiveness of maintenance methods



Dynamic versus static tests will be necessary



https://www.boatandboats.com/magazine/stoppani-antifouling-paints.html https://marinestore.co.uk/SCRUBBIS_HULL_CLEANING_TOOL.html

Consumer preference and behavior: moving away from biocidal antifouling coatings?

May be easier to go to Oregon or Canada to get favorite paints than to switch



Disruptive alternatives like a boatwash require coordination at the marina level or beyond





Poorly understood impacts of widespread adoption of sound and light technologies Challenges with transitioning between coating types: Complete scrub down and removal of old coating.



https://330dustlessblasting.com/hull-cleaning-service/ By NASA - http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/gallery/images/station/crew-35/html/iss035e017335.html

<u>http://driveinboatwash.com/en/</u> https://www.hotfrog.com.au/business/old/bribie-island/barnacle-guard-australia_1480088

Consumer preference and cost





Consumer preference and decision support: Selection Guide approach

- IC2 AA Guide includes sequential, simultaneous, and hybrid decision frameworks
- No one-size-fits-all solution
 - Hull type
 - Recreational user type
 - Waters travelled
 - When can cost be absorbed
- Solution: Selection Guide
 - Eliminate 'showstoppers'
 - Think Consumer Reports
 - Who will decide?





Questions for the AA community





Thank you!

