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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Marine Invasive Species Fee to Increase November 1, 2009

Effective November 1, 2009, the Marine Invasive Species Fee will increase from \$625 per vessel voyage to \$850 per vessel voyage. The fees collected are deposited in the Marine Invasive Species Control Fund to support the state's ballast water management and control program.

Under Public Resources Code (PRC) section 71215 "fees and funding," the State Lands Commission (SLC) is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the Marine Invasive Species Act. The authority provided by this section of the PRC also allows the SLC to change the fee when adequate funds are not available to meet program requirements. The Board of Equalization (BOE) is responsible only for collection of the fee and depositing the proceeds into the fund.

If you would like to know more about the Marine Invasive Species Act program, please visit the SLC's website at www.slc.ca.gov/Spec_Pub/MFD/Ballast_Water/Ballast_Water_Default.html.

If you would like to learn more about the BOE and its role in collection of the fee, please contact us at the telephone number above or visit our webpage at www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spenvirofees.htm.

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