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## California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

October 24, 2012

To: Boatyard Interested Parties List by e-mail

**Subject: Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is developing a general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit that will cover all boatyards and boat maintenance and repair facilities that discharge to surface waters within the San Diego Region (General Boatyard Permit). Under this regulatory approach the General Boatyard Permit will supersede and replace the individual NPDES permits that are currently in effect for boat maintenance and repair facilities in the San Diego Region in order to better achieve regulatory consistency as well as maximum efficiency and economy of resources.

At this time, the San Diego Water Board is releasing an administrative draft of the General Boatyard Permit for public review and comment. The Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit is attached and will be available at the San Diego Water Board's website on or before October 25, 2012 and can be viewed and downloaded from:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/npdes/boatyards/boatyards.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/npdes/boatyards/boatyards.shtml)

The San Diego Water Board is seeking public input on the development of the Tentative Order. Written comments on the Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit will be accepted until November 28, 2012. Submit written comments on the Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit to Kristin Schwall via e-mail at [kschwall@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kschwall@waterboards.ca.gov) or by US mail to the San Diego Water Board office at 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123-4340. Please include the following reference number in the subject line: 785854:kschwall. The San Diego Water Board will not necessarily provide written responses to the comments received. Based upon the comments received, the San Diego Water Board staff may schedule and conduct a public workshop to discuss the comments received, receive informal feedback, and answer questions about the Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit .

The San Diego Water Board will issue a separate public hearing notice announcing the release of a Tentative Order for public review and comment, and the deadline for submission of comments. The public hearing notice will also announce the date of the public hearing for the San Diego Water Board to consider the comments received, public testimony, and adoption of a Tentative Order. Once released, the Tentative Order will serve as the public comment draft permit for purposes of applicable public notice requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR § 124.10) and Water Code section 13167.5, subdivision (b). Therefore,

interested persons submitting comments on the Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit must resubmit any comments for the San Diego Water Board to consider during the public comment period that will be established for the Tentative Order.

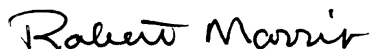
**ELECTRONIC MAIL LIST SUBSCRIPTION**

The San Diego Water Board has established an electronic mail list specifically for information and notices on the development of a General Boatyard Permit. The San Diego Water Board will use the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of on-line documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to the electronic mail list "Boatyard General Permit" located on the San Diego Water Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg9\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml)

For questions or comments, please contact Kristin Schwall by phone at 858-467-2345 or by e-mail at [kschwall@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kschwall@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,



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