

## MPCA Vessel Discharge Permit Informational Meetings

St. Paul	Duluth
March 3, 2:00-4:00 pm	March 4, 10:00-noon
Boardroom*	Large conference room*

### Purpose:

- To share the MPCA's regulatory strategy for controlling the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species through ballast water discharges in Lake Superior
- To listen to the issues and concerns stakeholders would like the MPCA to consider as it develops a permit for commercial vessels.

## AGENDA

<b>Introductions and Overview</b>	Jeff Stollenwerk, MPCA	15 minutes
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Jeff will provide an overview of the day and explain why the MPCA is proceeding with a program to regulate ballast water discharges.

<b>MPCA's Vessel Discharge Strategy</b>	Mary Jean Fenske, MPCA	15 minutes
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Mary Jean will discuss the actions the MPCA is taking to control the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species by ballast water as well as the schedule for these actions.

<b>MPCA's Vessel Discharge Permit Framework</b>	Dave Kortan, MPCA	20 minutes
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Dave will share a framework for the permit based on the technical information collected to date.

<b>Participant Input</b>	All	60 minutes
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Question for Participants: What issues/concerns do you have that the MPCA should keep in mind as it proceeds in developing the permit?

<b>Wrap up and Next Steps</b>	Jeff Stollenwerk, MPCA	10 minutes
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*Following the meeting, MPCA staff will be available for additional questions and discussion.*

\* Directions to the MPCA offices in St. Paul and Duluth are available at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/regions/index.html>