

Controlling Vessel Discharges and the Introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species in the Great Lakes

November 5, 2007

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Duluth Regional Office Large Conference Room

Purpose – Develop understanding of opportunities and challenges associated with eliminating vessel discharge impacts and the introduction of aquatic invasive species in Lake Superior and the Duluth/Superior Harbor.

9:45 – Welcome and Introductions – Commissioner Brad Moore, MPCA

10:00 - “Ballast Water: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” A general overview of vessel discharges. Presentation/discussion. Dale Bergeron, Maritime Extension Educator, MN Sea Grant.

11:00 – National and International Ballast Regulation Update – United States Coast Guard

11:30 – Past, Present and Future State Activities – Jay Rendall, Invasive Species Program coordinator, MDNR
Jeff Stollenwerk, Industrial WQ Permits Supervisor, MPCA

Noon – Other activities updates/lunch (provided)

1:30 – Great Ships Initiative Ballast treatment pilot facility in Superior: Allegra Cangelosi. Northeast Midwest Institute

2:15 – Discussion

3:00 – Adjourn