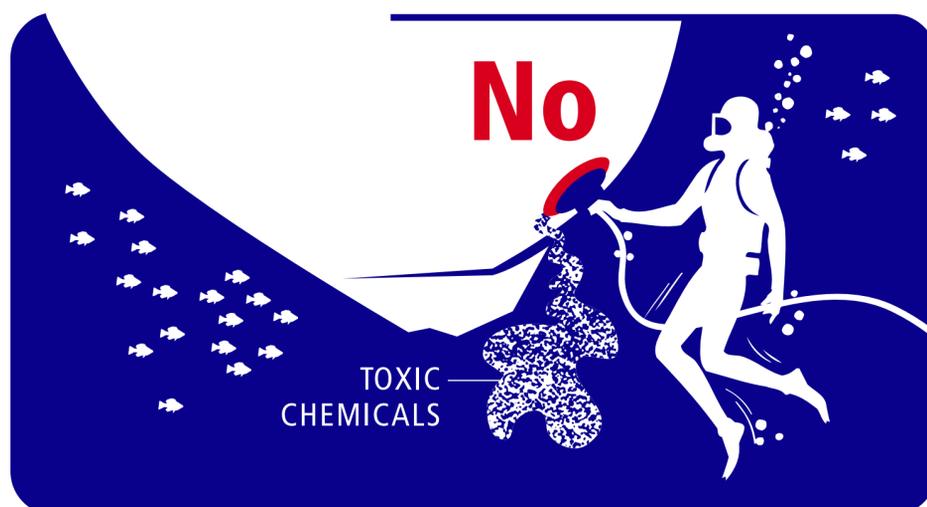


# Attention Boat Owners

## No In-Water Hull Cleaning



**M**ost boats used in marine waters have hulls coated with soft, toxic paints (ablative and sloughing) to keep aquatic organisms from attaching. These coatings contain toxic chemicals that are poisonous to salmon and aquatic life. **Toxic chemicals are released when you disturb or clean these hull paints.**

- ▶ Know your hull's surface before you clean it. If it has soft, toxic paint, take your boat out of water to a facility that collects all discharges and debris.
- ▶ If your boat hull has soft, toxic paint, do NOT clean it in or near the water, or near a stormdrain.

To do this work yourself on land, use a tarp and vacuum sander to collect all debris, and dispose of it properly.

### What's the alternative?

New, hard-coatings and epoxy-based hard paints are now available for boat hulls. They provide a slick surface and they are safe for in-water cleaning. The surfaces discourage organism growth, last longer, and minimize harm to the environment. Best of all, these surfaces can improve your boat's performance and save fuel costs. One of these coatings could be right for your boat.

**It is illegal to perform underwater cleaning of hulls that have soft, toxic coatings. You can face a fine of up to \$10,000.**

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