

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

S1. PERMIT COVERAGE REQUIRED

This Statewide general permit applies to boatyards that discharge stormwater runoff from areas with industrial activity directly to the ground, to a surface waterbody, or to a storm sewer system that drains to a surface waterbody. This general permit also regulates wastewater from pressure washing in boatyards. The geographic area covered by this general permit is the entire State of Washington, except for Federal and Tribal lands and waters as specified in Condition S1.B (Exemption from Coverage).

A. Boatyard Activities Requiring Coverage under This Permit

All boatyards in the State of Washington must apply for coverage under this permit and must comply with all conditions specified in this permit, as applicable to their facility, unless exempted by the following section.

A boatyard, as defined for the purpose of this permit, is a facility engaged in the construction, repair, and maintenance of small vessels, where 85% of those vessels are 65 feet or less in length, or the boatyard generates more than 85% of its gross receipts working on those vessels. Services typically provided include, but are not limited to: pressure washing hulls, painting and coating, engine and propulsion system repair or replacement, hull repair, joinery, bilge cleaning, fuel and lubrication system repair or replacement, welding and grinding of the hull, buffing and waxing, marine sanitation device (MSD) repair and replacement, vessel deconstruction activity on land, and other activities necessary to maintain a vessel. This definition includes mobile and do-it-yourself activities.

B. Exemption from Coverage

1. Limited Services

Facilities that provide only the following services do not require coverage under this permit:

- Use of tidal grids solely for emergency repair or for inspection by marine surveyors;
- Minor engine repair or maintenance within the engine space without vessel haul-out;
- Minor repairs or modifications to the vessel rigging or superstructure (topside) limited to 25% of the topside surface;
- Topside cleaning, detailing, and bright work;
- Electronics servicing and maintenance; or
- MSD servicing and repair without vessel haul-out.