



My husband and I own a 43-foot sailboat built in 2002 that we have kept in Marina del Rey since 2008. We are alarmed and distressed at the proposed revisions for toxic pollutants in Marina del Rey. Although we are strong proponents of cleaning up our marine environment, we believe this proposal is ill conceived, based on inadequate science, and likely to do great harm to Marina del Rey. The proposal is also extremely unfair to boaters who keep their boats in Marina del Rey.

We agree with the points made in submissions by RBOC and the California Yacht Club and will not burden you with repeating the substance of those submissions. But please be aware that as individual boat owners we are very alarmed by the liabilities that would be imposed on us by this proposal and very distressed that the proposal will likely cause much more harm than good, both by encouraging the growth of invasive species in the Marina and by discouraging boaters from locating their boats in the Marina, with all the negative economic consequences that will ensue.

Please give careful consideration to the alternatives available to reduce the amount of copper in the Marina and reject outright or at least delay implementation of the proposal until better data has been collected and considered.

Thank you for your attention.

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