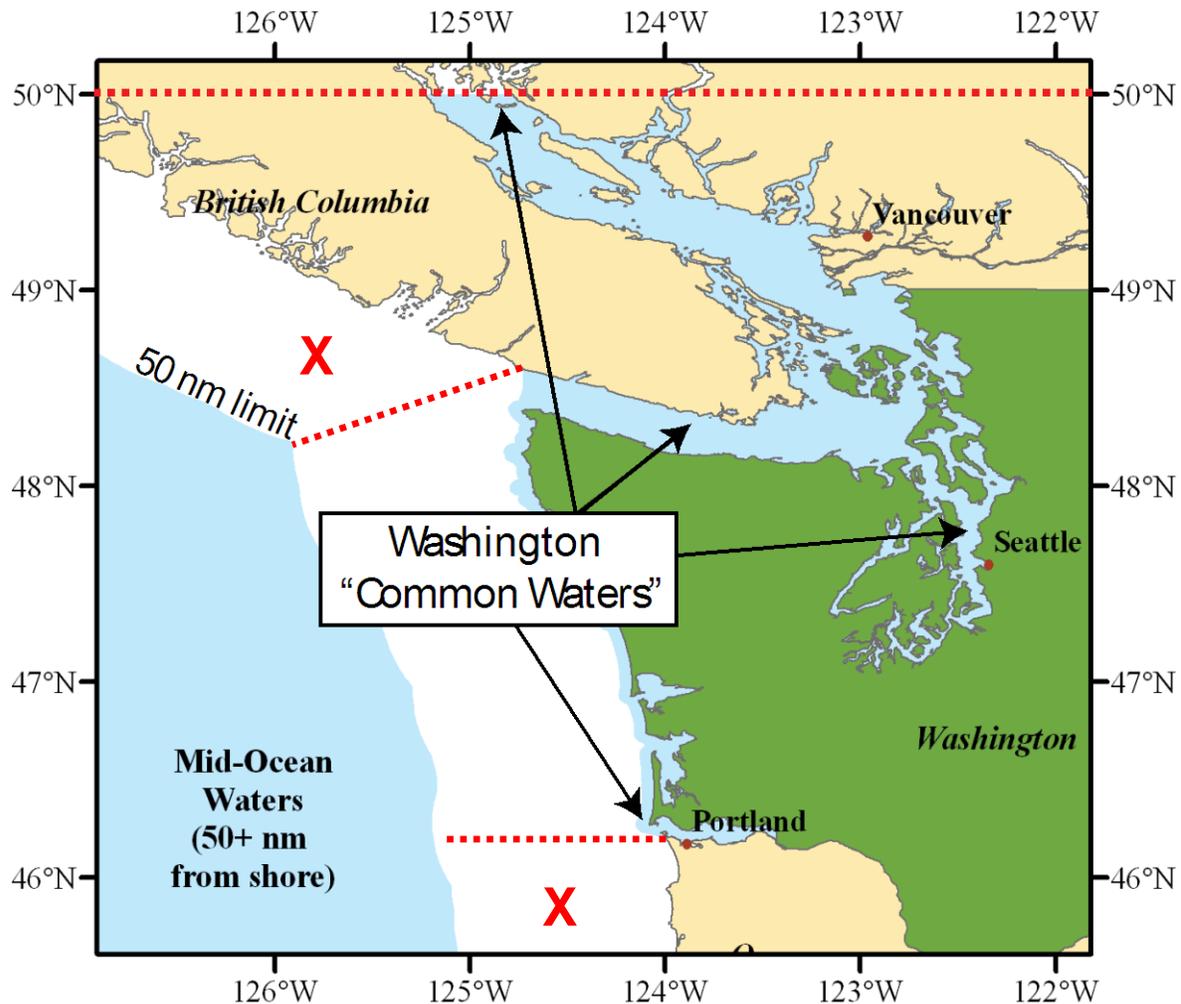


Washington State “Common Waters” Definition

RCW 77.120.030 (8)

“The requirements of this section [*Open Sea Exchange Only*] do not apply to a vessel discharging ballast water or sediments that originated solely within the waters of Washington state, the Columbia river system, or the internal waters of British Columbia south of latitude fifty degrees north, including the waters of the Straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca.”

However, a ballast water reporting form must still be submitted in accordance with WAC 220-150-030(2).



Examples:

- Vessels ballasting with solely Portland, Oregon water and destined for any port in Washington State do not have to go out 50 nm to conduct open sea exchange – must still file a Ballast Water Reporting Form to the state.
- Vessels ballasting with solely Vancouver, British Columbia water and destined for any port in Washington State do not have to go out 50 nm to conduct an open sea exchange – must still file a Ballast Water Reporting Form to the state.

DOES NOT COVER VOYAGES FROM WASHINGTON STATE TO OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES - - SEE OREGON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA REGULATIONS FOR THEIR EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS