

# Attention Boaters!

## Take a survey and be entered to win a \$200 gift certificate for West Marine

Researchers at the **Smithsonian Environmental Research Center** and **Portland State University** are trying to determine how often recreational boats in Washington state move, where they go, and how often their boat bottoms are cleaned. This research is part of a grant supported by the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** that will lead to a better understanding of how and why boat bottoms get fouled by invasive species. Invasive species transported on boats can be a nuisance to boat owners and harbors, and can have huge impacts on our native environment. Your support for this research may help with new solutions to deal with this problem.

To reach as many boaters as possible, a short, online survey has been created to gather the required info:

[tinyurl.com/2013PugetSoundSurvey](http://tinyurl.com/2013PugetSoundSurvey)

As an incentive, anyone who enters their contact info — which is not required to take the survey — will be entered in a drawing for a \$200 West Marine gift certificate.

Take a short survey, help research, and possibly win a \$200 gift certificate

**Many Thanks**