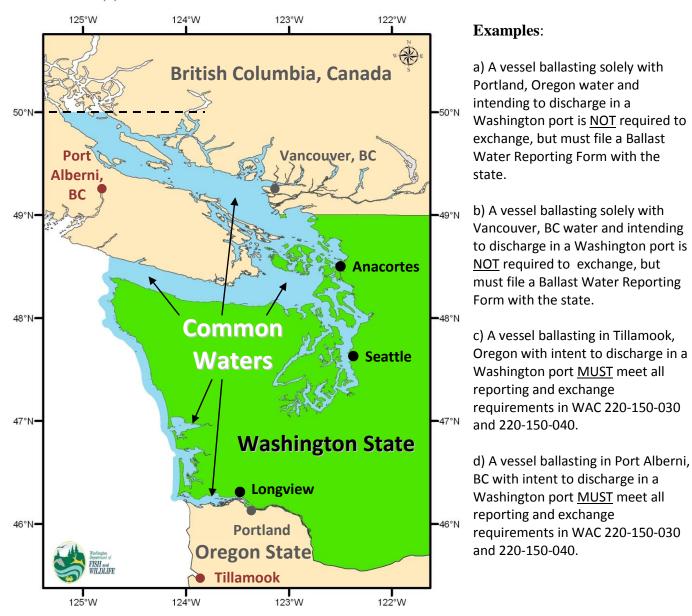


Washington State Common Water Exemption: Examples

RCW 77.120.030(8); WAC 220-150-040(4)

"The requirements of this section [*Open Sea Exchange*] do not apply to a vessel discharging ballast water or sediments that originated solely within the water 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."

This means that vessels ballasting with water solely from any place in this area (not mixed with water from outside this area) are not required to conduct an open sea exchange under WAC 220-150-040 prior to discharging in Washington State waters. However, reporting is still required in accordance with WAC 220-150-030(2).



DOES NOT APPLY TO VOYAGES <u>FROM</u> WASHINGTON STATE <u>TO</u> BRITISH COLUMBIA OR OREGON STATE PORTS – SEE BRITISH COLUMBIA AND OREGON STATE REGULATIONS FOR THEIR BALLAST WATER REQUIREMENTS