

Ban on Sale and Use of Copper Antifoulant Paint in WA Delayed until 2021

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A ban on the sale and use of copper antifoulant paint that contains more than 0.5 percent copper in Washington State will be delayed until Jan. 1 2021 under a bill signed into law by Governor Jay Inslee. HB 2634 also directs the Department of Ecology to complete a study by September 30, 2019 that assesses the environmental impacts of antifouling paints and their ingredients – whether there are safer alternatives to antifouling paints or ingredients found in antifouling paints – and provides recommendations on whether changes to the existing regulation of antifouling paints are needed. For more information, contact David Dickerson at ddickerson@nmma.org.