

**RCW 47.60.340 Vessel maintenance and preservation program—**

**Report.** (1) The department shall develop and maintain a vessel maintenance and preservation program that meets or exceeds all federal requirements and, at a minimum:

(a) Includes a bilge and void maintenance program;

(b) Includes a visual inspection/audio gauging steel preservation program; and

(c) Uses a lowest life-cycle cost method.

(2) The vessel maintenance and preservation program must maximize cost efficiency by, at a minimum:

(a) Reducing planned out-of-service time to the greatest extent possible; and

(b) Striving to eliminate planned peak season out-of-service periods.

(3) When construction is underway for the replacement of a vessel, the vessel that is scheduled for retirement is exempt from the requirement in subsection (1)(c) of this section.

(4) The department shall include a plain language status report on the maintenance and preservation vessel program with each budget submittal to the office of financial management. This report must include, at a minimum:

(a) A description of the maintenance and preservation of each vessel in the fleet;

(b) A highlight and explanation of any significant deviation from the norm;

(c) A highlight and explanation of any significant deviation from the vessel preservation plan required under RCW 47.60.375;

(d) A highlight and explanation of decisions not to invest in vessels; and

(e) A highlight and explanation of decisions to invest early in vessels. [2008 c 124 s 5.]