

## NPS BMP PROHIBITION ON FISH WASTE DISCARD & FISH CLEANING EDUCATION FOR BOATS IN AVALON BAY

*There is a prohibition of discard of fish waste into Avalon Bay from both land based sources and from boats or sea based sources.*

*Provision (c) of the City of Avalon No Discharge Ordinance (Avalon Municipal Code Sec. 10-2.503) prohibits any person to throw, place, or leave any dead animal or putrefying matter into the waters of the City. This includes the discharge of any fish wastes.*

*The intent of this BMP is to reduce bacteria and FIB discharges into the Bay from the discard of fish wastes but also discourage the cleaning and cutting of fish on boats in the bay and on areas surrounding the bay so as to not soil surfaces that would need to then be washed down. This prohibition will also prohibit the wash-down of fish wastes into the Bay from boats and areas discharging into the Bay.*



*Violations of the prohibition of fish waste discard per AMC Section 10-2.503 are a misdemeanor or infraction as identified by AMC Section 10-2.107(b). Where California Fish and Game regulations allow for activities under this prohibition the activities will be allowed.*

### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

Visit our website:  
[www.cityofavalon.com](http://www.cityofavalon.com)

For information regarding specific procedures in Avalon Bay, contact the Avalon Harbor Department:  
(310) 510-0535

For information regarding the Cease & Desist Order in the City of Avalon, contact City Clerk Denise Radde:  
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### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE CEASE & DESIST ORDER?

Visit the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Website:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/CDOAvalon.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/enforcement/CDOAvalon.shtml)

## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR

# WASH-DOWN ACTIVITIES

IN AVALON BAY, CATALINA ISLAND



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## PURPOSE OF WASH-DOWN BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The purpose of this BMP is to reduce or eliminate discharges of Fecal Indicator Bacteria (FIB) to Avalon Bay from wash-down activities.

### CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

A Cease and Desist Order was issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to the City of Avalon to cease and desist discharging waste in violation of requirements in Regional Board Order No. R4-2008-0028 and State Board Order No. 2006-0003-WQ and to implement actions to achieve waste load allocations assigned to the City's discharges of waste and pollutants on April 5, 2012.

In November 2012, in response to the Cease and Desist Order and FIB Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) prescribed in the CDO, the City of Avalon developed and submitted the *Avalon Bay Fecal Indicator Bacteria Wasteload Allocation Compliance Plan* to the Regional Board.

Section 3 of the Compliance Plan describes specific implementation methods the City developed to meet FIB TMDL compliance.

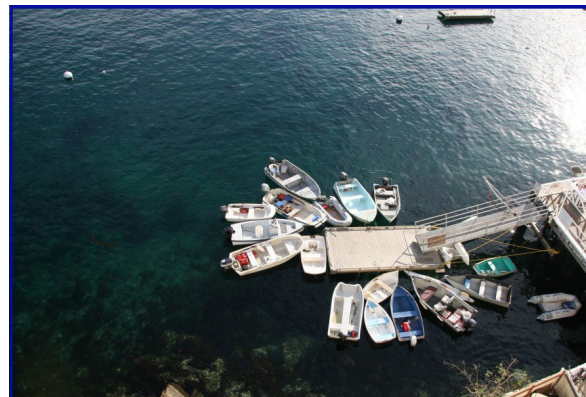
These include **Load Reduction Strategies for Non-Point Sources (NPS)** (Section 3, Subsection E), including **General Wash-Down Activities** (NPS BMP 1), and **Pier and Dock Cleaning BMPs** (NPS BMP 2).

## NON-POINT SOURCE BMPS FOR AVALON BAY

The Load Reduction Strategies for Non-Point Sources in the TMDL Compliance Plan include five different BMPs:

- ◆ General Wash-Down Activities (NPS BMP 1)
- ◆ Pier and Dock Cleaning BMPs (NPS BMP 2)
- ◆ Bird Control Efforts (NPS BMP 3),
- ◆ Wrack Line Removal Program (NPS BMP 4)
- ◆ Public Education Program (NPS BMP 5).

The BMPs were designed to work together to reduce FIB from non-point sources, and due to the nature of non-point sources, they overlap.



## NPS BMP BOAT WASH-DOWN REQUIREMENTS IN AVALON BAY

Wash-down of boats in Avalon Bay will only be allowed at the pump out dock in a designated wash-down area. Prior to wash down of boat decks, dry cleaning of bird droppings and other waste will occur and be disposed of in a trash receptacle.

Dry cleaning of boats will be allowed outside of the designated wash-down area with use of damp towels, sponges, boater's wipes or other methods, provided there is no discharge of wash-down water to the Bay.



The use of pressure washer vacuum cleaners will be allowed for cleaning boats outside of the designated wash-

down area, provided no discharges to the Bay occur during operation.

The Harbor Master will enforce this prohibition. This BMP will help eliminate the potential for bird droppings on boat decks, canopies, engines, sails, or any other area of the boat to enter the Bay during wash-down activities.