

September 30, 2003

Public Comment for the Record  
U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy  
1120 20th Street, NW  
Suite 200 North  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy,

I am writing to request that you include in your national ocean policy strict regulation of ship ballast water discharges.

It is a proven fact that pollution and foreign biota have been imported into US waters through ship ballast. Discharges from ships using water ballast must be strictly regulated and controlled.

Strictly enforcing ballast discharge is helpful for our economy, not bad for it. The costs of pollution and foreign biota in our waters far exceed any cost in enforcing the discharges.

Please save our waters, our economy and our native water species by recommending strict regulation of ballast discharge from all shipping in US waters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin B. Marvel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dr. Kevin B. Marvel