

Information for Boaters

- **Antifouling paints** and their residues contain heavy metals, such as copper, that are **toxic to aquatic organisms**, including **salmon and shellfish**.
- **Water from power washing of boats** is typically 200 to 2,000 times higher than the concentration that will **kill fish**.
- **Young salmon's ability to return back to their natal streams** can be effected by even very low concentrations.

Best Practices

- **Keep the boatyard clean** so that no wastes enter the aquatic environment.
- **Capture paint scrapings and residues** by using shrouding, tarps and drop cloths.
- **Contain all wastes and run-off** when performing hull maintenance on tidal grids or at any facilities. (Discoloured water is an indication that you may be harming the environment.)