
Port of Dampier – Updated advice on Biofouling Management – Invasive Marine Pests

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1. PURPOSE

This Marine Notice provides an update to vessel biofouling management requirements and associated risk assessment processes within the Port of Dampier.

2. BACKGROUND

Section 38.2.1 of the Port of Dampier Handbook refers to the use of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Vessel Check tool to support biofouling risk assessment.

Marine Notice D26/2025 updated the biofouling management requirements applicable within the Port of Dampier following the retirement of DPIRD's Vessel Check tool in January 2025.

Pilbara Ports advises a new procedure is now available for project vessels engaged by Pilbara Ports and required to demonstrate compliance with biofouling requirements.

3. NEW REQUIREMENT

Pilbara Ports now requires that all vessels engaged to undertake works on Pilbara Ports projects must comply with the:

- [Introduced Marine Pest Vessel Assessment Procedure – West Pilbara](#)

This procedure establishes the current process for assessing and managing invasive marine pest risk for project vessels

4. APPLICABILITY

This requirement applies to:

- All **non-trading and project vessels** undertaking works associated with Pilbara Ports projects within the Port of Dampier

5. ONGOING REQUIREMENTS

All vessels must continue to:

- Comply with applicable Commonwealth and State legislation.
- Follow:
 - Australian biofouling and in-water cleaning requirements
 - International Maritime Organization (IMO) biofouling guidance
- Not undertake in-water cleaning or activities that disturb biofouling without prior approval from Pilbara Ports.

These requirements remain consistent with those outlined in Marine Notice D26/2025.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The procedure and associated assessment form are available on the Pilbara Ports website under: [Environmental guidelines and standards](#)

7. FURTHER NOTICE

- This Marine Notice supplements Marine Notice D26/2025.
- Relevant sections of the Port of Dampier Handbook will be updated in due course.

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