

**WAC 317-31-030 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in chapter 317-05 WAC and the following apply to this chapter.

(1) "Boarding checklist" means a checklist used by vessel inspectors from the office as a guideline to determine the risk a vessel poses to the public health and safety and the environment.

(2) "Cargo vessel" means a self-propelled ship in commerce, other than a tank vessel or a passenger vessel, three hundred gross tons or more, including but not limited to, fishing vessels and freighters.

(3) "Event" means a:

(a) Collision, allision or grounding;

(b) Near-miss incident in which a pilot, master, or other person in charge of navigating a vessel successfully takes action of a non-routine nature to avoid a collision with another ship, structure, or aid to navigation, or grounding of the vessel, or damage to the environment;

(c) Marine casualties described in 46 C.F.R. sec. 4.05-1, except subsections (a)(5), (a)(6) and (b), regardless of vessel type, or nation of registry;

(d) Disabled vessel due to an accidental or intentional grounding, failure of the propulsion or primary steering systems, failure of a component or control system that reduces the vessel's maneuverability, or fire, flood, or other incident that affects the vessel's seaworthiness or fitness for service; or

(e) Spills of oil into state waters.

(4) "Fishing vessel" means a vessel engaged in the commercial catching, harvesting or processing of fish, or in tendering to or from vessels that catch, harvest or process fish.

(5) "Passenger vessel" means a ship of three hundred or more gross tons with a fuel capacity of at least six thousand gallons carrying passengers for compensation.

(6) "Potential risk" means the potential for harm to public health and welfare and the environment posed by a vessel as calculated through vessel screening.

(7) "Screening" means a process of determining a vessel's potential risk based on historical factors that are risk predictors.

(8) "State waters" means the navigable waters of the state.

(9) "Substantial risk" means a vessel falls below accepted industry standards to a degree that the vessel's continued operation seriously threatens the public health and safety and the environment.

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