

**WAC 317-50-010 Purpose.** This chapter allows owners and operators of small tank barges to reduce their financial responsibility under RCW 88.40.020 (2)(b) without compromising protection of the state's marine environments and public health and safety. This chapter also exempts tank barges dedicated solely to oil spill response activities from the requirement to possess financial responsibility under RCW 88.40.020.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 88.40.020 (2)(b), 88.40.020(5) and 88.40.030. WSR 97-10-096, § 317-50-010, filed 5/7/97, effective 6/7/97.]