

C. Reporting

The Parties shall report on progress toward implementation of this Annex every three years through the Progress Report of the Parties.

The Parties, through their responsible authorities, may provide additional detailed reports to the International Joint Commission about the progress made under this Annex, prior to the International Joint Commission's Triennial Meeting on Great Lakes water quality. The Parties will make these reports available to the Public.

D. Definitions

In this Annex:

1. "Antifouling System" means a coating, paint, surface treatment, surface or device that is used on a vessel to control or prevent attachment of unwanted organisms;
2. "Ballast Water" means water with its suspended matter taken on board a vessel to control trim, list, draught, stability or stresses of the ship;
3. "Biofouling" means the accumulation of aquatic organisms such as micro-organisms, plants and animals on surfaces and structures immersed in or exposed to the aquatic environment;
4. "Discharge" includes, but is not limited to, any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting or dumping; it does not include unavoidable direct discharges of Oil from a properly functioning vessel engine;
5. "Garbage" means all kinds of food waste, domestic waste and operational waste, all plastics, cargo residues, cooking oil, fishing gear, and animal carcasses generated during the normal operation of the Vessel and liable to be disposed of continuously or periodically;