

An Unworkable Regulatory System FOR BALLAST WATER AND OTHER VESSEL DISCHARGES



U.S. mariners and vessel operators face an extremely challenging compliance burden with two federal agencies and 25 states all regulating vessel discharges in overlapping and inconsistent ways.

>> 2 Federal Agencies

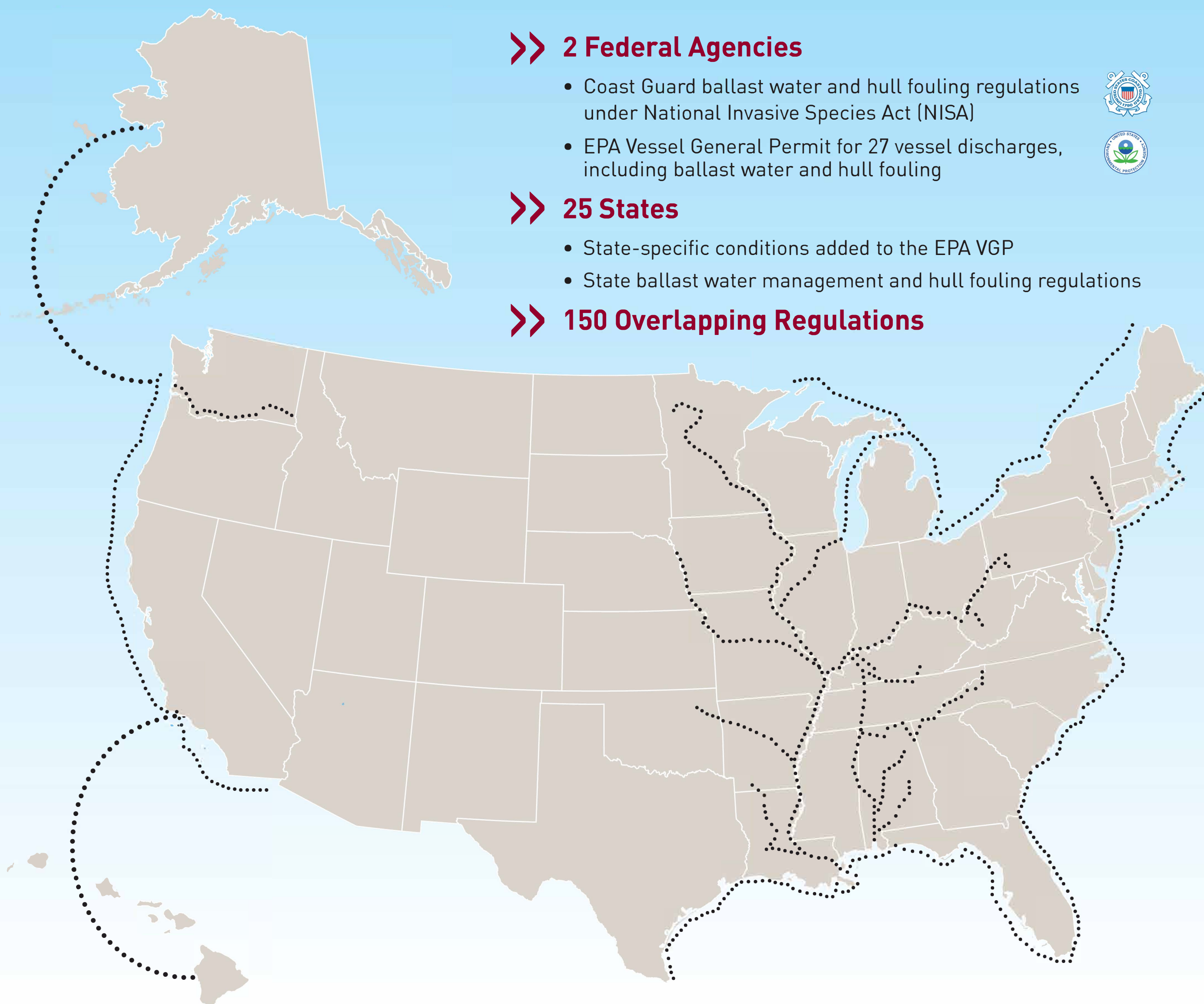
- Coast Guard ballast water and hull fouling regulations under National Invasive Species Act (NISA)
- EPA Vessel General Permit for 27 vessel discharges, including ballast water and hull fouling



>> 25 States

- State-specific conditions added to the EPA VGP
- State ballast water management and hull fouling regulations

>> 150 Overlapping Regulations



Congressional leadership is needed to replace this broken system with a uniform, science-based, federal framework for the regulation of ballast water and other vessel discharges.

SUPPORT A UNIFORM FEDERAL FRAMEWORK
for the regulation of ballast water and other vessel discharges.