

DERELICT VESSEL EVALUATION MATRIX

	Hull Condition	Position in Water	How Secured	Navigation Hazard	Public Safety	Public Visibility
5	Vessel has sunk and/or vessel broken up and no longer seaworthy	Severe List (30 degrees or more) and/or sunken or grounded	Vessel adrift or not secure	In the middle of a navigable waterway (e.g., charted traffic lanes)	Leaking oil and/or hazardous materials and/or unrestricted public access onto vessel.	Near large city (e.g., downtown Seattle or Tacoma) and/or clearly visible to many people
4	Visible holes in hull and/or vessel bottomed out on shoal water	Vessel listing and/or vessel still upright, but low enough to bottom out during low tide	Vessel not secure but not adrift (eg. grounded or beached) and/or mooring lines parting	In the middle of high traffic area (e.g., approaches to large marinas or ports)	Multiple containers of unknown materials visible on vessel and/or limited public access onto vessel	Near smaller city (e.g., Bellingham, Anacortes, Port Angeles, etc.) and/or clearly visible to many people
3	Wooden hull and/or vessels with other hull materials in poor condition	Vessel sitting noticeably low in water with very little freeboard	Mooring lines old, worn or weathered	In the middle of moderate traffic area (e.g., approaches to smaller marinas or ports)	Could potentially carry large amounts of fuel of hazardous materials and/or limited public access onto vessel	Off shore of a large city (e.g., downtown Seattle or Tacoma) and/or mainly visible from water, private property or facility
2	Steel, aluminum or fiberglass hull that is rusted or aged	Vessel sitting slightly low in water but appears to be floating fine	Vessel moored or anchored securely	Near limited vessel traffic	Vessel does not likely contain much fuel or hazardous material and/or not very accessible to public	Off shore of a smaller city (e.g., Bellingham, Anacortes, Port Angeles, etc.) and/or mainly visible from water, private property or facility
1	Steel, aluminum or fiberglass hull in good condition	Vessel floating with normal freeboard	Vessel tied securely to dock with sound lines	Away from vessel traffic	Known to be "clean" and/or not accessible to public	Off shore and/or away from public view and not within a populated area

The above matrix is a guideline for derelict and abandoned vessel ranking. Each block contains examples of what conditions would warrant that score. Not all of the items in a given block need to be fulfilled for that score to be given. Use your best judgment.