

PROTECTING BLUE WHALES AND BLUE SKIES

A Partnership for Cleaner Air, Safer Whales, and a Quieter Ocean

A voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction program that incentivizes container ships, car carriers, and bulk vessels to slow down along the west coast of the United States. Reducing the speed of these ships lowers the risk of fatal whale strikes and harmful pollutants near coastal communities.

Now entering its 8th season, the VSR program has achieved:

536,211

Slow speed
miles¹

76,000+

ton reduction
in regional
greenhouse gases

2,000+

tons of harmful
NO_x emissions
avoided

50%

Estimated
decrease in
whale strikes

1. 10 knots or less within the VSR zones



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