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White House – Stewardship of the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes



President Obama issued an Executive Order adopting the recommendations of the [Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force](#) and establishing a National Ocean Council to coordinate activities of the federal agencies that impact the ocean, the coasts of the United States, and the Great Lakes of North America. Among other things, coastal and marine spatial plans will be developed to improve stewardship of these areas. [75 Fed. Reg. 43023](#) (July 22, 2010).

DH Joint Investigation – Wednesday session cancelled



The Deepwater Horizon Joint Investigation Team issued a **notice** stating that its session scheduled to Wednesday, July 21, has been cancelled as the four Transocean witnesses scheduled to testify declined to voluntarily appear at the hearing. Because the witnesses do not reside within the current geographical jurisdiction (venue) of the joint investigation, the USCG/BOEM board cannot compel them to appear. The board will confer to determine a course of action. (7/20/10).

Gulf of Mexico – air quality measurements



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that it measured the air quality above the Gulf of Mexico in the vicinity of the oil spill. Downwind, the measurements showed hydrocarbon concentrations to be much higher than normal. (7/21/10).

FMC – July 28 meeting cancelled



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **notice** stating that its July meeting, previously scheduled for July 28, has been cancelled. (7/19/10).

MARAD – MARVIEW web site



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) established a web site – **MARVIEW** - an integrated data-driven environment providing essential information to support the strategic requirement of the U.S. Marine Transportation System (MTS) and its contribution to the economic viability of the Nation. (7/20/10).

USCG – meeting of Civil GPS Interface Committee



The US Coast Guard Navigation Center issued a **notice** stating that the 50th meeting of the Civil GPS Interface Committee (CGSIC) will be conducted September 20-21 in Portland, Oregon. (7/21/10).

Court – Carmack Amendment case



The US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit followed the recent Supreme Court ruling and abandoned its previous decisions, now holding that the Carmack Amendment does not apply to a shipment originating overseas under a single through bill of lading. **Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance v. Ocean World Lines**, No. 08-4324-cv (2nd Cir., July 20, 2010).

I'm back

Several of my long-suffering readers noticed that there were recent gaps in my newsletter distribution. My wife and I went to the Atlanta area to visit our grandsons, but have now returned. I refute all rumors that I have ceased publishing. (7/21/10).

If you have questions regarding the above items, please contact the editor:

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