

Headlines: NOAA – subsurface oil plume found in Gulf of Mexico; DOJ – chief engineer sentenced for failure to maintain ORB; Astoria – Sector Columbia River; Honolulu – container yard project; DOL – exclusion of recreation-vessel workers from LHWCA; House – hearing on accounting for spilled oil; ReCAAP – report for July; and Canada – Arctic Foreign Policy.

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NOAA – subsurface oil plume found in Gulf of Mexico



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that scientists funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and affiliated with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution have detected a plume of hydrocarbons at least 22 miles long and more than 3,000 feet below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, a residue of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The 1.2 mile-wide, 650-foot-high plume of trapped hydrocarbons was detected during a ten-day subsurface sampling effort on June 19-28 near the wellhead. (8/20/10).

DOJ – chief engineer sentenced for failure to maintain ORB



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) stating that the former chief engineer of a foreign cargo vessel has been sentenced to one year probation to include seven days of home confinement after pleading guilty to violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) by failing to maintain an accurate oil record book (ORB). The moderate punishment reflected a sentence reduction based upon his substantial cooperation in the investigation. (8/17/10).

Astoria – Sector Columbia River



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that Sector Columbia River will be formally established in Astoria, Oregon on Monday, August 23, when Sector Portland combines with Group/Air Station Astoria. (8/20/10).

Honolulu – container yard project



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [news release](#) stating that work has begun on the Honolulu Harbor Pier 29 Container Yard project, funded in large part by a federal grant. (8/20/10).

DOL – exclusion of recreational-vessel workers from LHWCA



The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs of the Department of Labor (DOL) proposes to amend its regulations to exclude from coverage under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) certain recreational-vessel workers. The excluded workers would be those who repair recreational vessels or dismantle them for repair, regardless of the length of the vessel on which they work. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by October 18. [75 Fed. Reg. 50718](#) (August 17, 2010).

House – hearing on accounting for spilled oil



The Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce conducted a hearing on "[The BP Oil Spill: Accounting for the Spilled Oil and Ensuring the Safety of Seafood from the Gulf](#)". (8/17/10).

ReCAAP – report for July



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its [Report for July 2010](#). The report states that there were eleven incidents of armed robbery against ships in Asia during this period, an increase of three over the same period in 2009. (8/20/10).

Canada – Arctic Foreign Policy



Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada released the [Statement on Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy](#). It states that Canada's vision for the Arctic is a stable, rules-based region with clearly defined boundaries, dynamic economic growth and trade, vibrant Northern communities, and healthy and productive ecosystems. The Statement is intended to articulate how the Government of Canada will promote this vision. (8/20/10). *Note: Canada currently has Arctic boundary disputes with the United States and Denmark (Greenland). The limits of the continental shelf under the Arctic Ocean remain undefined. Rules for*

maritime operations in Arctic waters, particularly in the Northwest Passage, are in dispute.

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