

Headlines: Joint Investigation – fourth day of fourth session concluded; National Commission – details of Meeting 2; USCG – Sector Puget Sound; EC – formal probe into marine insurance agreements; EU – Census of Marine Life; Hong Kong – salvage operations in Western Fairway; and Liberia – USCG provides training to LCG.

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Joint Investigation – fourth day of fourth session concluded



The USCG-DOI Joint Investigation issued a **news release** stating that it has concluded the fourth day in its fourth session of hearings into circumstances surrounding the explosion, fire, and sinking of the MODU Deepwater Horizon. The hearings resume on Friday, August 27. (8/26/10).

National Commission – details of Meeting 2



The National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling issued **Details of Meeting 2**, which was held on August 25. (8/26/10).

USCG – Sector Puget Sound



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that Sector Puget Sound has been activated through the consolidation of Coast Guard responsibilities, missions, and jurisdictions, including Sector Seattle, which has been stood down. (8/25/10).

EC – formal probe into marine insurance agreements



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it has opened a formal probe into whether certain provisions accompanying claim-sharing and joint-reinsurance agreements in the marine insurance sector might infringe EU antitrust rules. (8/26/10).

EU – Census of Marine Life



The European Union (EU) issued a **press release** stating that the Census of Marine Life Initiative, funded in part by the EU, published a report noting that its work to date has resulted in the discovery of at least 1,200 new species in 25 key ocean areas. (8/26/10).

Hong Kong – salvage operations in Western Fairway



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice stating that, effective immediately, salvage operations will be conducted in waters of the Western Fairway southwest of Green Island. These operations are expected to continue for three weeks. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in this vicinity. **Notice 2010-121** (8/26/10).

Liberia – USCG provides training to LCG



The US Africa Command (AFRICOM) issued a **news release** stating that the US Coast Guard provided training to members of the Liberian Coast Guard (LCG) off the coast of western Africa during the period August 13-23. (8/25/10).

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

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