

Headlines: California – “no discharge zone” proposed for large oceangoing vessels; Alaska – tidal energy project; EC – environmental status criteria for Europe’s seas; and UK – exercise to be conducted in offshore windfarms.

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California – “no discharge zone” proposed for large oceangoing vessels



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to establish a no discharge zone (NDZ) for large passenger vessels and oceangoing vessels of 300 gross tons or more with two days or more sewage holding capacity that would apply to all California marine waters. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by November 1. [75 Fed. Reg. 53914](#) (September 2, 2010). *Note: The approach proposed here is unique. Never before has such a large NDZ been proposed and never before has an NDZ been applied to only a portion of the vessels operating within the zone.*

Alaska – tidal energy project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application for a preliminary permit proposing to study the feasibility of a tidal energy project in Kootznahoo Inlet near the City of Angoon, Alaska. Comments on the application should be submitted within 60 days. [75 Fed. Reg. 53962](#) (September 2, 2010).

EC – environmental status criteria for Europe’s seas



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it adopted a decision outlining criteria necessary to achieve good environmental status for Europe’s seas. This will held Member States to develop coordinated marine strategies, ensuring consistency and allowing progress to be compared between regions. (9/1/10).

UK – exercise to be conducted in offshore windfarms



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **press notice** stating that, on Sunday, September 5, it will conduct an exercise at the North Hoyle and Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farms to test communications, coordination, and response to a series of mock maritime incidents. This exercise will also involve the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI), the Royal Air Force (RAF) Search and Rescue, and the operators of the windfarms. (9/1/10).

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

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