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## White House – reservation of certain CNMI submerged lands



President Barack Obama issued a **Proclamation** reserving certain submerged lands in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to the federal government. The Proclamation identifies those submerged lands adjacent to the islands of Farallon de Pajaros, Maug, Asuncion, Tinian, and Farallon de Medinilla as being essential for ensuring the United States forces forward deployed to the Western Pacific are adequately trained and ready to respond immediately and effectively to orders from the National Command Authority and for ensuring the safety of citizens of the Commonwealth. (1/15/14).

## New York – towing vessel capsizes, crew rescued



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a 38-foot towing vessel capsized south of Atlantic Beach, New York after taking on water.

The four crew members were rescued, one with serious injuries. The incident is under investigation. (1/15/14).

### FMC – Earth Day Award



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it is accepting nominations for the FMC Chairman’s Earth Day Award, which recognizes the maritime transportation industry for innovations and successes in developing environmentally sustainable shipping practices. Nominations should be submitted by 10 March. [79 Fed. Reg. 2837](#) (January 16, 2014).

### House – hearing on maritime transportation regulations



The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will hold a hearing on 4 March entitled “[Maritime Transportation Regulations: Impacts on Safety, Security, Jobs and the Environment, Part II](#)”. Witnesses have yet to be named. (1/15/14).

### Panama Canal – Board of Directors support



The Panama Canal Authority issued a [press release](#) stating that the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Authority has reaffirmed its “full support to the management of the Administration in all the challenges it has faced during the Canal Expansion. The current situation, even though delicate, is but another challenge that we are facing together. We trust that will be resolved.” (1/15/14).

### Singapore – two bunker licenses cancelled



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a [news release](#) stating that it has cancelled the licenses of two bunker suppliers for contravening the terms and conditions under which the licenses granted. (1/15/14).

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