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## **FMC – meeting**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet in open session on 26 February in Washington, DC to consider: the China Value Added Tax affecting ocean export freight shipments; the FMC Information Resources Management Strategic Plan; and staff recommendations concerning third party subpoena. [79 Fed. Reg. 9742](#) (February 20, 2014).

## **SHC – meeting re NCSR**



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 13 March in Arlington, Virginia to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication, and Search and Rescue (NCSR1). Topics on the agenda include:

ECDIS, the BeiDou satellite navigation system, LRIT, and the e-navigation strategy implementation plan. [79 Fed. Reg. 9377](#) (February 19, 2014).

### SHC – meeting re MEPC



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 12 March in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC). Topics on the agenda include: ballast water management, recycling of ships, energy efficiency, and reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. [79 Fed. Reg. 9378](#) (February 19, 2014).

### FMC – Brown Bag Speaker Series



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that on March 20, the Brown Bag Speaker Series will feature a presentation by Dr. John Farrell, Executive Director of the US Arctic Research Commission, and Captain David Murk, Senior Maritime Safety and Security Advisor to the Secretary of Transportation. The speakers will discuss the environmental impact commercial shipping may have in the US Arctic, the US interests, and the viability of commercial shipping in the region. (2/19/14).

### New Jersey – Jones Act waiver sought for rock salt



Senator Menendez (D-NJ) issued a [press release](#) stating that he and Senator Booker (D-NJ) sent a joint letter to the Secretaries of Homeland Security and Transportation seeking a waiver of the Jones Act so as to allow for use of a foreign cargo ship to transport rock salt from Maine to New Jersey for use on New Jersey roads. Because of the extreme snowfall this winter, the state's supply of rock salt to keep the state's roads usable has been largely exhausted. (2/18/14).

### Puget Sound – draft proposal for No Discharge Zone



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a [news release](#) stating that it is looking for feedback on a draft proposal to make Puget Sound, including Lake Washington, Lake Union, and the Lake Washington Ship Canal, a No Discharge Zone. The proposed zone would include the marine waters east of the line, between New Dungeness lighthouse and Discovery Island lighthouse east of Port Angeles, and Victoria to include the San Juan Islands in the north and South Puget Sound and the Hood Canal. Comments should be submitted by 21 April. (2/19/14).

## Paris MOU – CIC preliminary results



The Paris MOU issued a [press release](#) stating that preliminary results of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Propulsion and Auxiliary Machinery show that 68 ships (41% of all detentions during the period 1 September through 30 November 2013) were detained for deficiencies related to propulsion and auxiliary machinery. Problem areas included the propulsion of the main engine, cleanliness of the engine room, and emergency source of power/emergency generator. (2/19/14).

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