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## **FMC – compromise agreements**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that it has completed compromise agreements with four regulated entities recovering a total of \$350,000 in civil penalties. The parties settled and agreed to pay the penalties, but did not admit to wrongdoing. (3/12/14).

## **USCG – environmental compliance**



The US Coast Guard issued [ALCOAST 098/14](#), reminding commanding officers and officers-in-charge that, as a federal enforcement agency, the Coast Guard has a special duty to ensure that its own facilities and activities conform with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and requirements. (3/11/14).

## FWS – tidewater goby



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) proposes to reclassify the tidewater goby from endangered to threatened. The fish is found in coastal waters of California. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 12 May. [79 Fed. Reg. 14339](#) (March 13, 2014).

## Senate – bill introduced re fish conservation



Senator Cardin (D-MD) introduced the [National Fish Habitat Conservation Act](#) (S. 2080) to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, and for other purposes. Senator Cardin issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (3/5/14).

## Senate – bill introduced re exportation of natural gas



Senator Markey (D-MA) introduced the [American Natural Gas Security and Consumer Protection Act](#) (S. 2088) to amend the Natural Gas Act with respect to the exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes. Senator Markey issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (3/6/14).

## Texas – The Responder newsletter



The Texas General Lands Office (GLO) posted the March 2014 edition of [The Responder](#) newsletter. Among other things, this edition discusses recent responder training and emergency preparedness exercises. (3/11/14).

## IMO – security-related training & certification



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular forwarding two recent IMO circulars providing clarifications pertaining to the security-related training and certification for seafarers required under recent amendments to the STCW Convention. [Shipping Circular 6-2014](#) (3/12/14).

## Australia – National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that the new **National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies** sets out cooperative arrangements between governments and industry to respond to maritime pollution and shipping casualty incidents. (3/12/14).

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