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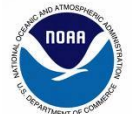
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DOE – funding for innovative offshore wind projects



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a [news release](#) announcing the selection of three pioneering offshore wind energy demonstration projects to receive up to \$47 million each to deploy innovative, grid-connected systems in federal and state waters by 2017. The projects are to be located off the coasts of New Jersey, Oregon, and Virginia. (5/8/14).

NOAA – Thunder Bay NMS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued an amended proposal regarding boundary expansions for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (NMS). Comments on the revised proposal should be submitted by 9 June. [79 Fed. Reg. 26654](#) (May 9, 2014).

Senate – bill introduced to commemorate USCG



Senator Murphy (D-CT) introduced a bill (S. 2303) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Murphy issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (5/7/14).

EC – oceans can drive sustainable growth



The European Commission (EC) issued a [press release](#) stating that it considers ocean innovation as a source of sustainable growth. To this end, it has prepared an Action Plan for Innovation in the “Blue Economy” to drive growth and jobs in Europe. (5/8/14).

EMSA – Five-Year Strategy



The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) posted its [Five-Year Strategy](#) (2014-2019). The strategy provides guidelines for EMSA’s future development and reflects changes brought about by the revised founding regulations in force since March 2013. (5/8/14).

Panama Canal – PCSOPEP Non-Compliance



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory providing updated information regarding non-compliance with the PCSOPEP requirements. Alerts are sent to shipping agents regarding the status of the vessel’s PCSOPEP compliance if a current Notice of Acknowledgement (NOA) is not on file. Upon receipt of a PCSOPEP Non-Compliance Form, the shipping agent must submit an original Letter of Guarantee. [Advisory 11-2014](#) (5/8/14).

Panama Canal – April operations



The Panama Canal Commission issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations for April. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. [Advisory 10-2014](#) (5/6/14).

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