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Denmark – efficient enforcement of environmental regulations; and
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White House – National Oceans Month



President Obama issued a **Proclamation** designating June 2014 as National Oceans Month, calling upon Americans to take action to protect, conserve, and restore our oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes. (5/30/14).

DOT – passenger ferry grants



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **press release** announcing the award and distribution of approximately \$123.5 million for passenger ferry projects and ferry operators throughout the United States and selected territories. The monies are being administered through the Federal Transit Administration's Passenger Ferry Grant Program and through the Federal Highway Administration's Ferry Boat Formula Program. (6/2/14).

DOS – purchasers of Iranian oil



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating the it has determined the following purchasers of oil from Iran have qualified for the 180-day exception: Malaysia; Singapore; and South Africa. [79 Fed. Reg. 32011](#) (June 3, 2014).

House – hearing on USCG readiness



On 18 June, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will conduct a hearing on [Maintaining Coast Guard Readiness](#). (6/2/14).

Denmark – efficient enforcement of environmental regulations



The Danish Maritime Authority issued a [news release](#) stating that it is launching an [Action Plan](#) to contribute to ensuring efficient enforcement of stricter requirements for ships' sulphur emissions. The plan has four focus areas: international cooperation; development and use of new technology; improved statistics and documentation on non-compliance; and sanctions. (6/2/14).

Panama Canal – training with Post-Panamax vessel



The Panama Canal Authority issued a [press release](#) stating that it will charter a Post-Panamax vessel before opening the expanded Canal to be used for training purposes in the Third Set of Locks. (5/30/14).

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