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MARAD – Military to Maritime program



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [news release](#) regarding the Maritime Administration (MARAD) “Military to Maritime” program that assists military members transition to careers as civilian merchant mariners. (6/5/14).

SHC – meeting



The Shipping Coordinating Committee, sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 10 July in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Subcommittee on Implementation of IMO Instruments. Topics on the agenda include PSC guidelines on seafarers' hours of rest and in relation to MLC 2006 and development of guidelines for PSC under the 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention. [79 Fed. Reg. 33033](#) (June 9, 2014).

USACE – BP Cherry Point dock EIS



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) seeks comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) related to operation of the previously authorized and constructed North Wing of the BP Cherry Point dock in the Strait of Georgia. Comments should be received by 6 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 32924](#) (June 9, 2014).

FMC – meeting



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that the Commissioners will meet in Washington, DC on 18 June. During the open session, they will receive a briefing by US harbor trucking representatives on trucking trends and conditions. During the closed session, they will receive a briefing on economic and trade conditions. (6/6/14).

Senate – Coast Guard authorization bill introduced



Senator Begich (D-AK) introduced a bill (S. 2444) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 through 2016, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/5/14).

Australia – Protection of the Sea levy reduced



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice advising that, from 1 July, the rate of the Protection of the Sea levy will be reduced from 14.25 cents to 11.25 cents per net registered ton per quarter. [Marine Notice 09-2014](#) (6/6/14).

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