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## White House – protection of oceans and coasts



The White House issued a **Fact Sheet** regarding protection of the oceans and coasts. Among other things, it calls for new protections for marine areas and potential expansion of Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. (6/17/14).

## White House – combating illegal fishing



President Obama issued a **Memorandum** establishing a Comprehensive Framework to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and seafood fraud. (6/17/14).

## USCG – container inspections



The US Coast Guard promulgated its National Container Inspection Program (NCIP) **Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures** (TTP). The publication gives actionable, step-by-step procedures regarding the NCIP in direct support of the policy and doctrine prescribed by the NCIP Manual. It also provides updated targeting criteria and revises the way container inspections are categorized. (May 2014).

## Jacksonville – safety & security zones



The US Coast Guard proposes to modify several aspects of the safety and security zones within Sector Jacksonville Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone. Among other things, it would establish safety zones governing port closures in the event of natural or other disasters. Public meetings will be held in Jacksonville (23 June) and Cape Canaveral (25 June). Written comments should be submitted by 9 July. **79 Fed. Reg. 34674** (June 18, 2014).

## FMC – request for additional information



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it has formally requested that the parties to Agreement No. 012274 – OVSA/PIL Space Charter Agreement provide additional information. This action prevents the agreement from becoming effective as originally scheduled. **79 Fed. Reg. 34751** (June 18, 2014).

## Offshore Massachusetts – proposed sale notice



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) for commercial leasing for wind power on the Atlantic outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore Massachusetts. Comments should be submitted by 18 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 34771** (June 18, 2014).

## Offshore Massachusetts – revised EA



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that it has prepared a revised environmental assessment (EA) for commercial wind energy lease issuance and site assessment activities on the Atlantic outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore Massachusetts and a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). **79 Fed. Reg. 34781** (June 18, 2014).

## DOI – offshore Massachusetts availability



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a [press release](#) announcing that the nation's largest offshore wind energy area, located offshore Massachusetts, is available for commercial development. (6/17/14).

## USMMA – new training vessel



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [press release](#) stating that the US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) training vessel, Kings Pointer, has been rechristened. The vessel previously served as a solid fuel rocket booster recovery vessel for NASA at Cape Canaveral. (6/16/14).

## Australia – international scam alert

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a [media release](#) stating that there is a global scam offering overseas residents a Maritime Security Identification Card (MSID) and Australian visas to gain jobs with cruise companies. These offers are invalid and are actually attempts to illegally obtain money and personal identification from responders. (6/17/14).

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