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USCG – seeking VTS Director



The US Coast Guard issued a **job announcement** stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Vessel Traffic Service Director (GS-2150-13) in Seattle, Washington. Applications must be received by 27 June. (6/13/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend John Veentjer of the [Marine Exchange of Puget Sound](http://www.marineexchange.com).*

CTAC – meeting



The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 19-21 August in Arlington, Virginia. Topics on the agenda include safety standards for the design of vessels carrying natural gas or using natural gas as fuel; and safety standards for ship-to-ship transfer of hazardous material outside the baseline. [79 Fed. Reg. 35369](#) (June 20, 2014).

Offshore Oregon – determination of no competitive interest



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that it has determined that there is no competitive interest in the area requested by the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center to acquire an outer continental shelf (OCS) marine hydrokinetic (MHK) research lease in waters approximately five nautical miles offshore Newport, Oregon. [79 Fed. Reg. 35377](#) (June 20, 2014). The project is further discussed in a [BOEM press release](#).

FERC – Freeport LNG EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that a final environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the proposed Freeport LNG liquefaction and modification projects. [79 Fed. Reg. 35345](#) (June 20, 2014).

FERC – Corpus Christi LNG EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed Corpus Christi LNG Project. Comments must be received by 4 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 35344](#) (June 20, 2014).

DOE – authority to import/export natural gas



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it has issued various orders granting authority to import and export natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG). [79 Fed. Reg. 35337](#) (June 20, 2014).

DHS – Chemical Sector Security Summit



The National Protection & Programs Directorate's Office of Infrastructure Protection (NPPI/IP) and the Chemical Sector Coordinating Council are cosponsoring the **2014 Chemical Sector Security Summit** in Baltimore on 23-24 July, with Pre-Summit activities on 22 July. (6/19/14).

FMC – statement on P3 Agreement



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **statement** on the P3 Agreement, noting that the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China announced its decision on that agreement. (6/18/14).

Senate – bill introduced re export of natural gas



Senator Udall (D-CO) introduced a bill (S. 2494) to expedite applications to export natural gas, to require the public disclosure of liquefied natural gas export destinations, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Udall issued a **news release** explaining the measure. (6/18/14).

IMO – maritime education and training



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that “Maritime education and training” has been selected as the theme for World Maritime Day for 2015. (6/19/14).

NATO – Somalian piracy update



The NATO Shipping Centre issued its **Weekly Piracy Update** for the period 11-18 June. It notes that eleven crew members of the MV Albedo, held hostage by Somalian pirates since November 2010 have been released. Somalian pirates now hold 39 seafarers as hostages. (6/18/14).

New Zealand – deep sea mining application refused



The New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority (NZEPA) issued a **media release** stating that it has refused consent to the application by Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd for a marine consent for its iron sand mining project in the South Taranaki Bight. The major reason for the refusal was

uncertainty around the scope and significance of the potential adverse environmental effects and those on existing interests, such as fishing and indigenous culture. (6/18/14).

UK – fire protection arrangements



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued updated statutory guidance regarding **fire protection arrangements** (MSIS 12) for the guidance of surveyors to ensure compliance with requirements covering merchant ships. (6/19/14).

Summer Solstice – 21 June 2014



The Summer Solstice, marking the first day of summer in the northern hemisphere and the first day of winter in the southern hemisphere, occurs at 1051 UTC on Saturday, 21 June 2014. This represents the sun's furthest progression northward for the year. As global warming continues, it is expected that the sun will progress farther and farther north each year, until it is finally located directly over the North Pole, with the Alaskan North Slope becoming the new Riviera.

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