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US & Kiribati – research & conservation activities



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/united-states-and-kiribati-sign-historic-cooperative-arrangement-to-protect-vital-marine-habitat-in-the-pacific.cfm>] announcing that a Cooperative Arrangement has been initiated with the Republic of Kiribati to coordinate and jointly support research and conservation activities for nearly 490,000 square nautical miles in the US Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument and the Phoenix Islands Protected Area of Kiribati. (11/13/14).

NOAA – Ocean Exploration Advisory Board



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a news release [located at <http://research.noaa.gov/News/NewsArchive/LatestNews/TabId/684/ArtMID/1768/ArticleID/10904/NOAA-establishes-new-panel-to-guide-ocean-exploration-.aspx>] announcing the appointment of 13 members to a new federal Ocean Exploratory Advisory Board that will provide guidance to NOAA and the nation of ocean exploration. (11/13/14).

USCG – liquid chemical categorization update delay



The US Coast Guard is delaying for an additional two years (until 16 January 2017) the effective date of its 2013 interim rule, which updates and revises tables that list liquid hazardous materials, liquefied gases, and compressed gases that have been approved by the Coast Guard and the IMO for maritime transportation in bulk. The tables also indicate how the pollution potential of each substance has been categorized. *79 Fed. Reg. 68131* [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-14/pdf/2014-26920.pdf>] (11/14/14).

DOT – GPS adjacent band compatibility



The Department of Transportation (DOT) is hosting the Global Positioning System (GPS) Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment Workshop II in El Segundo, California on 4 December. *79 Fed. Reg. 68345* [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-14/pdf/2014-26974.pdf>] (11/14/14).

Court – tankermen exempt from FLSA overtime provisions



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that vessel-based tankermen who loaded and unloaded cargoes on their vessels were performing seaman work, making them exempt for the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Plaintiff tankermen brought suit, claiming entitlement to overtime pay for work performed in loading and unloading their vessels. The district court denied defendant vessel owner's motion for summary judgment, holding that loading and unloading a vessel is nonseaman work, making plaintiffs eligible for overtime pay. Defendant appealed and the appellate court reversed. *Coffin v. Blessey Marine Services*, No. 13-20144 (5th Cir., November 13, 2014) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/13/13-20144-CVo.pdf>].

EU – marine survey by Turkey condemned



The European Parliament issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20141110IPR78127/html/MEPs-call-on-Turkey-to-stop-provocations-in-Cyprus%E2%80%99-exclusive-economic-zone>] stating that Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) condemned Turkey’s “marine survey” activities as encroaching upon the Republic of Cyprus’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ). (11/13/14).

ReCAAP – October report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **Report** for October 2014 [located at [http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Reports/2014/ReCAAP_ISC_October_2014_Report\(Open\).pdf](http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Reports/2014/ReCAAP_ISC_October_2014_Report(Open).pdf)]. There has been an increase in the number of incidents reported, the bulk of which were petty thefts. (11/13/14).

New Zealand – regulatory consultation



Maritime New Zealand opened a **consultation** [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Consultation/Rule-amendments-2015/default.asp>] on draft new maritime rules and marine protection rules to correct minor errors in the current rules. Comments on the draft should be submitted by 11 December. (11/13/14).

Panama Canal – October operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during October. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance work for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Advisory 24-2014** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2014/a-24-2014.pdf>] (11/7/14).

Singapore – bunker supply



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/news_center/mpa_news/mpa_news_detail.page?filename=nr141111.xml] stating that it is working with local stakeholders to ensure that there will be minimal disruption to bunker supply in the Port of Singapore despite the recent announcements by OW Bunker A/S. (11/11/14).

UK – OREIs and shipping



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued **guidance** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/offshore-renewable-energy-installations-impact-on-shipping>] regarding the impact on shipping of offshore renewable energy installations (OREIs). It recommends steps that may be taken in the planning, construction, and operation of OREIs to reduce potential conflicts with shipping, as well as navigation and voyage planning measures that vessels should adopt. (11/12/14).

UK – OREIs – emergency planning



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued **guidance** [located at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/371636/Offshore_Renewable_Energy_Installations_4_11_14.pdf] containing information relating to emergency response planning for offshore renewable energy installations (OREIs) in UK waters and requirements for SAR helicopter operations in and around OREIs. (11/4/14).

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