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LA/LB – anchorage grounds



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule disestablishing Commercial Anchorage “A” and revising the permission and notification requirements in the regulations for the anchorage grounds of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. The rule enters into effect on 2 January 2015. [79 Fed. Reg. 71654](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-03/pdf/2014-28449.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-03/pdf/2014-28449.pdf>] (12/3/14).

Alaska – critical habitat for Arctic ringed seal



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to designate critical habitat in the northern Bering Sea and in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas for the threatened Arctic ringed seal. Public meetings are planned for Anchorage, Barrow, Kotzebue, and Nome at dates to be announced later. Written comments must be received by 3 March 2015. [79 Fed. Reg. 71714](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-03/pdf/2014-28229.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-03/pdf/2014-28229.pdf>] (12/3/14). A NOAA [news release](#) provides additional details.

House – bill introduced to authorize USCG



Representative Hunter (R-CA) introduced the **Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014** (H.R. 5769) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes. (12/1/14).

Congress – USCG Authorization bill advances



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation issued a **joint press release** [located at <http://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398517>] announcing a bipartisan agreement on legislation that authorizes the US Coast Guard and related maritime issues. The Howard Coble Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 (H.R. 5769) is expected to be considered by the House on 3 December and by the Senate later in the week. (12/1/14).

Court – “your product” insurance exclusion



The US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit ruled that, under a typical policy with a standard “your product” exclusion, an insurer has no duty to defend an insured boat builder against allegations that the boat constructed by the insured was defective. **Lyman Morse Boatbuilding v. Northern Assurance**, No. 14-1380 (1st Cir., December 2, 2014) [located at <http://media.ca1.uscourts.gov/pdf/opinions/14-1380P-01A.pdf>].

Washington – Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2014/183.html>] stating that it submitted a draft oil transportation study to the state legislature. The **Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study** focuses on developing recommendations to foster public health and safety, environmental protection, and respect for tribal treaty rights. (12/1/14).

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