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Seattle – LNG as Fuel Conference



The US Coast Guard and Pacific Maritime Magazine are co-sponsoring the **LNG as Fuel Conference** [located at <http://www.seattlelngconf.com/>] in Seattle on 27 January 2015. (12/8/14).

USN – Arctic role



The US Navy issued a **news release** [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=84783] stating that Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus met with research personnel at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to discuss the role of the Navy in the Arctic. The Navy’s focus on the Arctic is expected to become more prominent over the coming years. (12/8/14).

EPA – Cape May-Lewes Ferry upgrade



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/docf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/fae5256bf365456985257da800637caf!OpenDocument>] it awarded a \$975,000 grant for upgrading of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry with diesel clean air technology. (12/8/14).

MARAD – America’s Marine Highway Program



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice announcing availability of the **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)** for the America’s Marine Highway Program, which designates criteria, eligibility requirements, and information for applicants seeking to establish services on a domestic “short sea” marine highway. **79 Fed. Reg. 73139** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-09/pdf/2014-28684.pdf>] (12/9/14).

Alaska – critical habitat for Arctic ringed seal – corrected



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a corrected proposal 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 9 March 2015. **79 Fed. Reg. 73010** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-09/pdf/2014-28808.pdf>] (12/9/14).

Treasury – international boycott



The Department of the Treasury issued a notice lifting the countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott. The list includes; Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. **79 Fed. Reg. 73141** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-09/pdf/2014-28804.pdf>] (12/9/14).

California – SLC meeting



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) will meet in Newport Beach on 17 December. Among the items on the **agenda** [located at http://www.slc.ca.gov/Meeting_Summaries/Agenda.htm] is consideration of the budget, as submitted by the successful bidder, The Glostén Associates, for a study to examine the feasibility of shore-based reception and treatment facilities for the management of discharged ballast water in California. (12/5/14).

Singapore – Port Management Programme



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=nr141208.xml] announcing that its MPA Academy has launched its inaugural Port Management Programme for overseas port and maritime officials. This first run was attended by 15 officials from around the world and provided training and site visits to help them meet current and future industry needs. (2/8/14).

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