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USN – Canadian warship honored



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=85661] stating that the US Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) was awarded to the Royal Canadian Navy's HMCS Toronto (FFH 333) at a ceremony in Halifax, Nova Scotia for support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 in significantly disrupting the flow of drugs, criminal and terrorist activities in the US Central Command area of responsibility. (2/19/15).

USCG & AFP – MOU re civil maritime law enforcement



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2465482/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2465482/>] stating that it and the Australian Federal Police (AFP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to highlight common missions, interests, capabilities, and opportunities for collaboration relating to civil maritime law enforcement. (2/20/15).

DHS – impacts of CR on maritime security



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a [news release](http://www.dhs.gov/news/2015/02/19/statement-secretary-jeh-c-johnson-impacts-continuing-resolution-maritime-security) [located at <http://www.dhs.gov/news/2015/02/19/statement-secretary-jeh-c-johnson-impacts-continuing-resolution-maritime-security>] commenting on the potential impacts on maritime security of a Continuing Resolution (CR) on DHS appropriations. (2/19/15).

LMRWSAC – meeting



The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 11 March in New Orleans. Topics on the agenda include: electronic navigation charts; the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Alternate Route; and proposed LNG terminals and waterway impacts. [80 Fed. Reg. 9468](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-23/pdf/2015-03542.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-23/pdf/2015-03542.pdf>] (2/23/15).

Jacksonville – restricted area



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) promulgated a final rule establishing a restricted area on waters of the St. Johns River in the vicinity of US Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville facilities at Mayport, Florida. The rule enters into effect on 25 March. [80 Fed. Reg. 9385](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-23/pdf/2015-03625.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-23/pdf/2015-03625.pdf>] (2/23/15).

Oregon – danger zone



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) promulgated a final rule establishing a danger zone in waters of the North Pacific adjacent to Camp Rilea in Clatsop County, Oregon. The rule enters into effect on 25 March. [80 Fed. Reg. 9384](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-23/pdf/2015-03626.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-23/pdf/2015-03626.pdf>] (2/23/15).

NOAA – proposed expansion of NARW critical habitat



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to expand the critical habitat for the endangered North Atlantic right whale (NARW) in both the Gulf of Maine and off the southeast coast of the United States. Comments on the proposal must be received by 21 April. **80 Fed. Reg. 9313** [located at] (2/20/15).

Offshore Alaska – proposed regulations re offshore drilling



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/bsee-boem-issue-proposed-regulations-to-ensure-safe-and-responsible-exploratory-drilling-offshore-alaska.cfm>] stating that the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will be issuing proposed regulations to enhance the safety of future exploratory drilling activities on the US Arctic outer continental shelf (OCS), particularly with regard to the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas. The official proposal will be published soon in the Federal Register. (2/20/15).

Puerto Rico – Aguirre Offshore GasPort FEIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2015/02-20-15-eis.asp>] stating that the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) on the Aguirre Offshore GasPort Project off the coast of Puerto Rico has been issued. The FEIS concludes that approval of the proposed project, with the mitigation measures recommended, would result in limited adverse environmental impacts. (2/20/15).

St. Lawrence Seaway – 2015 navigation season



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice announcing that the opening of the 2015 navigation season is scheduled for 27 March. **Seaway Notice 1-2015** (2/18/15) [located at <http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20150218.pdf>].

USCG – Safety Alerts 1996-2014



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/96_14SA.pdf] compiling all of its Safety Alerts between 1996 and 2014. (2/20/15).

Denmark – meeting re sulfur regulations



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/SulphurexpertsmeetinDenmarktostrengthenenforcement.aspx>] stating that representatives from all 16 SECA countries and the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) will meet in Denmark on 25-26 February to find solutions to the legal and technical challenges presented by the stricter sulfur regulations of MARPOL Annex VI. (2/20/15).

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