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Canada – loss of steering control.

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## FEMA – PSGP FAQs



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a set of **Frequently-Asked-Questions** (FAQs) regarding the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). (5/13/15).

## NOAA – Cook Inlet beluga whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks comments on the Cook Inlet beluga whale draft recovery plan. Comments must be received by 14 July. **80 Fed. Reg. 27925** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-15/pdf/2015-11700.pdf>] (5/15/15).

## Senate – bill introduced for protection of maritime navigation



Senator Grassley (R-IA) introduced a bill (S. 1318) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Grassley issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-and-whitehouse-introduce-legislation-combat-nuclear-terrorism-and>] explaining the measure. (5/13/15).

## Senate – bill introduced re Point Spencer, Alaska



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 1316) to provide for the retention and future use of certain land in Point Spencer, Alaska, to support the mission of the Coast Guard, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Murkowski issued a [press release](#) [located at <http://www.murkowski.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=002eoca0-6f2b-4a49-94be-f56b614d6642>] explaining the measure. (5/13/15). *Note: Point Spencer is the site of the now-inactive USCG Port Clarence Loran Station. The Coast Guard constructed a runway adjacent to the Loran Station.*

## Canada – loss of steering control



The Transportation Safety Board (TSB) of Canada posted the report of its investigation of the 22 April 2014 grounding of the tanker Halit Bey in the St. Lawrence River near Grondines, Quebec. The grounding occurred when the tanker lost steering control. There were no injuries, damage, or pollution. Investigation revealed that the tanker had been on automatic pilot. An unprotected joystick was inadvertently moved, overriding the autopilot. The crew was unfamiliar with the procedure for regaining control of the steering. [M14C0045](#) [located at <http://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/rappports-reports/marine/2014/M14C0045/M14C0045.pdf>] (5/11/15).

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