

Headlines:

Seattle – protesters detained and fined;
Senate – bill introduced re ship recycling;
House – bill introduced re ocean acidification;
IMO – IGF Code adopted; and
Australia – biofouling risk assessment tool.

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Seattle – protesters detained and fined



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2545410/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2545410/>] stating that it and partner agency law enforcement personnel detained 24 people on waters of Elliott Bay in Seattle for violating the safety zone around the vessel Polar Pioneer. The individuals have been issued notices of violation that include a \$500 fine. The vessel is now transiting north into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. (6/15/15).

Senate – bill introduced re ship recycling



Senator Vitter (R-LA) introduced the [Ships to be Recycled in the States Act](#) (STORIS Act) (S. 1511) to promote the recycling of vessels in the United States and for other purposes. Senator David Vitter (R-LA) issued a [press release](http://www.vitter.senate.gov/newsroom/press/vitter-cassidy-graves-introduce-legislation-to-improve-ship-recycling-create-jobs) [located at <http://www.vitter.senate.gov/newsroom/press/vitter-cassidy-graves-introduce-legislation-to-improve-ship-recycling-create-jobs>] explaining the measure. (6/4/15).

House – bill introduced re ocean acidification



Representative Farr (D-CA) introduced the **Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2015** (H.R. 2717) to modify the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009, and for other purposes. Representative Farr issued a **press release** [located at <http://farr.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/1171-bipartisan-bill-introduced-to-combat-growing-threat-of-ocean-acidification>] explaining the measure. (6/10/15).

IMO – IGF Code adopted



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/IMOadoptsregulationsforshipsusingliquefiednaturalgasasfuel.aspx>] stating that the IMO adopted globally binding regulations for ships using liquefied natural gas (LNG) as fuel (IGF Code), scheduled to enter into force in 2017. (6/12/15).

Australia – biofouling risk assessment tool



The Department of Fisheries for Western Australia issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Sustainability-and-Environment/Aquatic-Biosecurity/Vessels-And-Ports/Pages/Vessel-Check.aspx>] stating that it has developed the online tool **Vessel Check** [located at <https://vesselcheck.fish.wa.gov.au/>] for managers of commercial, non-trading, petroleum, and commercial fishing vessels coming to Western Australia to assess the risks of introduction of invasive marine pests by means of biofouling. (6/10/15).

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