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USCG – rescue swimmer excels



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2563886/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2563886/>] describing the rescue of four crew members of grounded fishing vessel near Cape Blanco, Oregon. After the rescue swimmer was deployed from the USCG helicopter, problems with the hoist mechanism required the rescue swimmer to bring each of the four crew members to shore from the vessel. This was accomplished despite five-foot seas and 30-mph winds. A [second news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2564569/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2564569/>] provides further details, including an audio recording. (7/22/15).

USCG – search suspended for missing diver



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2564925/>] stating that it has suspended the search for a diver missing in waters 60 miles south of Nantucket. The individual was diving on the wreck of the Andrea Doria. In the past ten years, six divers are known to have died in this area. (7/22/15).

Portland – temporary safety zone



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2564142/>] stating that a temporary safety zone and a voluntary First Amendment area have been established on certain waters of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Portland, Oregon adjacent to the drilling support vessel Fennica. (7/22/15).

Chukchi Sea – conditional drilling permits issued



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a [press release](#) [located at <http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/BSEE-News-Briefs/2015/BSEE-Approves-Limited-Drilling-Activities-in-Arctic-Waters-Under-Rigorous-Safety-Requirements/>] stating that conditional approval has been given to two Applications for Permits to Drill (APD) by Shell to conduct limited exploratory drilling activities in the Chukchi Sea offshore Alaska. The APDs limit Shell to drilling only the top sections of wells and prohibit Shell from drilling into oil-bearing zones until the capping stack is on hand and deployable within 24 hours. (7/22/15).

FMC – Northwest Seaport Alliance approved



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/NR15-12/>] announcing that the Commissioners unanimously approved the Port of Seattle/Port of Tacoma Alliance Agreement (FMC Agreement No. 201228) to become effective on 23 July, to be known as the Northwest Seaport Alliance. (7/21/15).

Senate – bill introduced to prohibit Arctic Ocean drilling



Senator Merkley (D-OR) introduced the [Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2105](#) (S. 1794) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS->

114s1794is/pdf/BILLS-114s1794is.pdf] to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Senator Merkley issued a [press release](#) [located at <http://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/merkley-announces-bill-to-stop-arctic-ocean-drilling>] explaining the measure. (7/16/15).

Australia – garbage dumping fines imposed



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a [media release](#) [located at http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/20072015_Masterandownerfinedforillegaldisposal.pdf] stating that the master and owner of a bulk carrier have been convicted of illegally dumping garbage in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The owner was fined \$4,000 and the master was fined \$300. (7/22/15).

New Zealand – dredger sentenced after worker death



Maritime New Zealand issued a [media release](#) [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/news/media-releases-2015/20150722a.asp>] stating that a dredging company has been fined \$79,000 and ordered to pay \$42,000 in reparation after the death of a worker, crushed on a dredging barge in Auckland on 19 November 2013. The company was found guilty of failing to take all practicable steps to ensure the safety of employees at work. (7/16/15).

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