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ARC – meetings on 24-26 August



The Arctic Research Commission (ARC) issued a notice stating that it will meet in Anchorage and Nome on August 24-26. The focus of the meeting will include reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting Alaska and the greater Arctic. [80 Fed. Reg. 45942](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-03/pdf/2015-18897.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-03/pdf/2015-18897.pdf>] (8/3/15).

House – Coast Guard resolution introduced



Representative Hunter (R-CA) introduced a resolution ([H.Con.Res. 68](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hconres68ih/pdf/BILLS-114hconres68ih.pdf)) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hconres68ih/pdf/BILLS-114hconres68ih.pdf>] expressing the sense of Congress regarding the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Coast Guard. (7/29/15).

Court – Jones Act challenge dismissed



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of an action challenging the constitutionality of the Jones Act's cabotage provisions, which prohibit foreign competition in the domestic maritime shipping market. The court held that plaintiffs lacked standing. It further held that the challenge would also fail on the merits because enactment of the Jones Act was not beyond the authority of Congress under the Commerce Clause and did not violate protections guaranteed under the Due Process Clause. **Novak v. United States**, No. 13-16383 (9th Cir., July 30, 2015) [located at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2015/07/30/13-16383.pdf>]. *Note: This item was first brought to my attention by my good friend Keith Heard of **Burke & Parsons**.*

California – marine invasive species meetings



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) issued notices announcing Customer Service Meetings in **Richmond** (18 August) and **Wilmington** (20 August) concerning its Marine Invasive Species Program. At the meetings, SLC will present information on proposed regulations, required reporting forms, and ballast water management compliance in California. (7/31/15).

ILO – FAQ re MLC 2006



The International Labour Organization (ILO) posted the fourth (revised) edition of **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) [located at http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---normes/documents/publication/wcms_238010.pdf] concerning the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006). (7/16/15).

Canada – review of oil spill response



The Government of Canada posted the **Independent Review** [located at http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/folios/00018/docs/Marathassa_Report-eng.pdf] of the MV Marathassa fuel oil spill environmental response operation. On 8 April 2015, the Canadian Coast Guard received reports of an oil sheen on waters of English Bay, Vancouver, British Columbia. The complex multi-party response effort lasted 16 days, utilizing the Unified Command structure. There

was room for improvement, particularly with regard to the initial mobilization of resources and communication procedures. (7/19/15).

Suez Canal – new canal opens on 6 August



The Suez Canal Authority issued a circular announcing that the New Suez Canal will be open for navigation on 6 August. The southbound convoy departs on direct transit at 0330. The northbound convoy departs on direct transit at 0400. **Navigation Circular 5-2015** [located at <http://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/showNc.aspx?id=105>] (7/30/15). *Note: This item was first brought to my good friend Bryan Bittner of **Eagle Shipping**.*

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