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Ohio River – reopened



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2583546/>] stating that the Ohio River at Lock and Dam 52 near Paducah has been reopened to marine traffic. (8/13/15).

Suisun Bay – security zone proposal



The US Coast Guard proposes to revise the regulations pertaining to the security zone on waters of Suisun Bay in the vicinity of the Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO) to clarify responsibilities and authorities for enforcement. Comments on the proposal must be received by 14 September. **80**

Fed. Reg. 48787 [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-14/pdf/2015-20110.pdf>] (8/14/15).

CFSAC – meeting



The Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Advisory Committee (CFVSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 15-16 September in Seattle. Topics on the agenda include the status of regulatory projects, safety and survival equipment, and classification of fishing vessels. **80 Fed. Reg. 48887** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-14/pdf/2015-20010.pdf>] (8/14/15).

FWS – Polar Bear Conservation Management Plan



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has extended to 19 September the period within which to submit comments on the draft Polar Bear Conservation Management Plan. **80 Fed. Reg. 48908** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-14/pdf/2015-20059.pdf>] (8/14/15).

HSAC – Cybersecurity Subcommittee



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a notice stating that a new Cybersecurity Subcommittee has been established under the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC). **80 Fed. Reg. 48893** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-14/pdf/2015-20034.pdf>] (8/14/15).

SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) Advisory Board will meet in 1 September in Duluth. **80 Fed. Reg. 48956** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-14/pdf/2015-20120.pdf>] (8/14/15).

Gulf of Mexico – oil spill restoration projects



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/interior-department-praises-gulf-coast->

restoration-council-for-nearly-140-million-in-proposed-restoration-projects.cfm] congratulating the Gulf Coast Restoration Council for issuing its **Initial Funded Priorities List** [accessible at <http://www.restorethegulf.gov/>] for natural resource restoration projects in communities impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. (8/13/15).

Panama Canal – use of the Customer Code



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory clarifying the use of the Customer Code when a ship visit is created. A Customer Code must be provided for each and every commercial vessel transit. When a vessel visit is created and a booking request is submitted, the vessel’s agent must include the Customer Code for that vessel. **Advisory 25-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-25-2015.pdf>] (8/11/15).

Opening of the Panama Canal – 15 August 1914



The Panama Canal opened to traffic on 15 August 1914 with passage of the SS Ancon (pictured). First conceived in the 1600s, actual construction work was first begun by a French company in 1880. That attempt was defeated primarily by malaria and yellow fever. Work began on the present-day Panama Canal in 1904, success due in large part to wide-scale eradication of the mosquito discovered to carry yellow fever. The first major change to the Canal in 101 years, the Canal Expansion Project to allow for transit by larger vessels, is nearing completion.

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