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FMC – time and service in adjudicatory proceedings



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a direct final rule regarding time and service in adjudicatory proceedings. The rule will enter into effect on 30 November unless significant adverse comment is received by 30 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 57305** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-23/pdf/2015-24087.pdf>] (9/23/15).

NTSB – organization and functions



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) promulgated a final rule regarding the organization and function of the Board and delegations of authority. The rule will enter into effect on 23 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 57307** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-23/pdf/2015-23608.pdf>] (9/23/15).

NOAA – island grouper and gulf grouper



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to list the gulf grouper as endangered under the Endangered Species Act and to list the island grouper as threatened. Comments on these proposals must be received by 23 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 57314** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-23/pdf/2015-23502.pdf>] (9/23/15).

DOI – DWH oil spill restoration plan



The Department of the Interior issued a notice stating that the federal and state natural resource trustee agencies have approved the Phase IV Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments with respect to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. **80 Fed. Reg. 57384** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-23/pdf/2015-24155.pdf>] (9/23/15).

USCG – RADM William M. Benkert Award



The US Coast Guard seeks nominations for the **Rear Admiral William M. Benkert Award for Environmental Excellence** [located at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/benkert>]. The award recognizes outstanding achievements by members of the maritime industry, extending beyond compliance with industry and regulatory standards. Applications will be accepted from 1 October until 30 November. (9/21/15).

EC – aid for LNG bunkering facility



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** [located at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-5689_en.htm?locale=en] stating that it has approved Finland's plan to grant €23 million in aid for construction of an LNG bunkering facility. (9/22/15).

Autumnal equinox – 23 September 2015



The autumnal equinox for 2015 is (or was) at 0820 UTC, Wednesday, 23 September 2015. This is calculated as the moment that the sun crosses the equator headed south. As I recall, in my youth (also known as the Dark Ages),

the first day of autumn was traditionally on 21 September. The delay of two days is disturbing and another insidious impact of global warming and the gradual expansion of the planet.

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