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## **COAC – meeting on 29 October**



The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations to US Customs and Border Protection (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet on 29 October in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda include use of electronic cargo security devices; air and ocean export manifest cargo tests; and the ACE Single Window effort. **80 Fed. Reg. 58748** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-30/pdf/2015-24750.pdf>] (9/30/15).

## **BOEM – offshore renewable energy**



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) invites public comment on the aspects of BOEM's renewable energy program that

stakeholders have found to be successful and those program areas where there appear to be opportunities for improvement. Comments should be submitted by 29 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 58786** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-30/pdf/2015-24406.pdf>] (9/30/15).

### **NOAA – marine mammal stock assessment reports**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks comments on the 2015 marine mammal stock assessment reports. Comments must be received by 29 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 58705** [located at ] (9/30/15).

### **DOI – ISAC members sought**



The Department of the Interior (DOI) seeks nominations for new members of the Invasive Species Advisory Council (ISAC). Nominations must be postmarked by 30 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 58771** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-30/pdf/2015-24818.pdf>] (9/30/15).

### **House – bill introduced to prohibit Arctic Ocean drilling**



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 3632) to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Huffman issued a **press release** [located at <http://huffman.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-huffman-introduces-stop-arctic-ocean-drilling-act>] regarding the measure. (9/28/15).

### **IMO – low-carbon initiative**



The IMO issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/43-glomeep-launch.aspx>] announcing launch of the Global Maritime Energy Efficiency Partnerships Project (GloMEEP) for a low-carbon maritime future. (9/28/15).

### **ASEAN – regional spill contingency plan**



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global\\_navigation/news\\_center/mpa\\_news/mpa\\_](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/news_center/mpa_news/mpa_)

news\_detail.page?filename=nr150929.xml] stating that ASEAN member states have gathered in Singapore for four days to develop a regional spill contingency plan. (9/29/15).

### **New Zealand – Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary**



The New Zealand Ministry for the Environment issued a **notice** [located at <http://mfe.govt.nz/marine/kermadec-ocean-sanctuary>] announcing creation of the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary. The 620,000 square kilometer area, about 1,000 kilometers northeast of New Zealand, will be protected with restrictions addressing commercial fishing and aquaculture; recreational fishing; fishing-related tourism; and oil, gas, and mineral prospecting, exploration, and mining. (9/29/15).

### **Singapore – port dues concession for OSVs**



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that the port dues concession for offshore support vessels (OSVs) has been extended from 90 days in length to 180 days, with effect from 1 November 2015 to 31 October 2016. **Port Marine Circular 11-2015** [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/port\\_marine\\_circulars/pc15-11.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circulars/pc15-11.pdf)] (9/29/15).

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