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FMC – OTI regulatory amendments



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a final rule amending its regulations governing the licensing, financial responsibility requirements, and duties of ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs). With limited exceptions, the amendments enter into effect on 9 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 68721** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-05/pdf/2015-27914.pdf>] (11/5/15).

Puget Sound – safety zones



The US Coast Guard has established, through 31 December, safety zones on waters within the Sector Puget Sound Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone around the vessels Polar Pioneer and Noble Explorer and ships towing or escorting those vessels. **80 Fed. Reg. 68445** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-05/pdf/2015-28291.pdf>] (11/5/15).

USCG – unapproved lights on vessels



The US Coast Guard posted an alert regarding unapproved lights on recreational and commercial vessels. Particularly since the advent of light emitting diodes (LEDs), lights in addition to required navigation lights are being installed on vessels. Navigation lights must meet regulatory requirements relating to intensity, color, and location. All other lights on vessels must not be mistaken for navigation lights, not impair the visibility or distinctive character of navigation lights, and not interfere with the operator's ability to maintain a proper lookout. **Safety Alert 10-15** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1015.pdf>] (11/4/15).

California – marine invasive species webinar



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) is conducting a one-hour **webinar** [registration at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6255325430396749314>] on 17 November to discuss implementation of Assembly Bill 1312 making changes to California's ballast water and biofouling management and reporting requirements. (11/4/15).

UK – importance of maritime pilots



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted the **speech** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-importance-of-britains-maritime-pilots>] delivered by Robert Goodwill MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, on the importance of Britain's maritime pilots. (11/4/15).

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