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Western Rivers – navigation restrictions;  
Seattle – container ship detained;  
USCG – ballast water management;  
Philadelphia – anchorage changes proposed;  
Long Beach – navigation improvements proposed; and  
Offshore North Carolina – wind energy assessments.

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## **Western Rivers – navigation restrictions**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2772510/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2772510/>] updating the various navigation restrictions established on different portions of the Western Rivers (primarily the Mississippi River and its tributaries) due to high water and fast currents. These restrictions are subject to change. (1/4/16).

## **Seattle – container ship detained**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2772730/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2772730/>] stating that the container ship Lowlands Kamsar has been detained in Seattle after a port state control examination revealed that the ship's automatic fire extinguishing system had been disabled by the crew and that the vessel's owner failed to ensure that appropriate corrective action was taken. (1/4/16).

## USCG – ballast water management



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing that the information collection requirements associated with the ballast water management regulations of 24 November 2015 will enter into effect on 22 February 2016. **81 Fed. Reg. 173** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-05/pdf/2015-33137.pdf>] (1/5/16).

## Philadelphia – anchorage changes proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend the geographic coordinates and modify the regulated use of anchorage “10” in the Delaware River in the vicinity of the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. Comments must be received by 4 February. **81 Fed. Reg. 194** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-05/pdf/2015-33167.pdf>] (1/5/16).

## Long Beach – navigation improvements proposed



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to support a feasibility study for navigation improvements to existing navigation channels within the Port of Long Beach. A public scoping meeting will be held in Long Beach on 19 January. **81 Fed. Reg. 228** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-05/pdf/2015-33166.pdf>] (1/5/16).

## Offshore North Carolina – wind energy assessment



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it proposes to undertake a quantitative assessment of spatially-explicit social values relative to wind energy areas in waters of the outer continental shelf (OCS) Offshore North Carolina. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 7 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 227** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-05/pdf/2015-33152.pdf>] (1/5/16).

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