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## **New Orleans – one ship, two allisions**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2782542/>] stating that the tanker Nordbay reportedly struck the Jefferson Parish water intake at mile marker 104 on the Lower Mississippi River. The tanker sustained a hole in its hull and reportedly discharged ballast water. Enroute to a nearby anchorage, it reportedly struck the Governor Nicholls Street Wharf. The incidents are under investigation. (2/2/16).

## **Lower Mississippi – 35-barge breakaway**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2782354/>] stating that the Lower Mississippi River between mile markers 834 and 864 is closed to navigation

following a towboat grounding and 35-barge breakaway. The incident is under investigation. (2/2/16).

### Coos Bay – channel reopened



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2782154/>] stating that the restriction on passage of deep-draft vessels through the Coos Bay harbor entrance has been lifted following completion of a survey to check for possible hazards from a fishing vessel casualty. (2/2/16).

### BSEE & USCG – floating OCS facilities



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the US Coast Guard entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding inspection and oversight of **Floating OCS Facilities** [located at [http://www.bsee.gov/uploadedFiles/BSEE/Newsroom/Publications\\_Library/O10\\_2016-MOA.pdf](http://www.bsee.gov/uploadedFiles/BSEE/Newsroom/Publications_Library/O10_2016-MOA.pdf)]. (1/28/16). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Charles Dudek of **Murphy Oil**.*

### APHIS – marine mammals in captivity



The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) proposes to amend its regulations concerning the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of marine mammals in captivity. Comments on the proposal must be received by 4 April. **81 Fed. Reg. 5629** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-03/pdf/2016-01837.pdf>] (2/3/16).

### Louisiana – foreign-trade zone application



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it received an application requesting foreign-trade zone subzone status for facilities of Thoma-Sea Marine Constructors, LLC located in Houma and Lockport, Louisiana. Comments on the application must be received by 14 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 5707** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-03/pdf/2016-02058.pdf>] (2/3/16).

## House – Coast Guard Authorization Act



The House concurred with the Senate version of the **Coast Guard Authorization Act** (H.R. 4188). The bill will now be sent to President Obama for consideration. (2/1/16). *Note: The linked version of the bill above is not the latest version and must be read with care. I will include the official enrolled version of the bill when it becomes available.*

## Hong Kong – revised Code of Practice



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice announcing that the revised Code of Practice – Using Protective Clothing and Equipment for Works on Vessels – will enter into effect on 14 April. **Marine Notice 21-2016** [located at <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16021.pdf>] (2/2/16).

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