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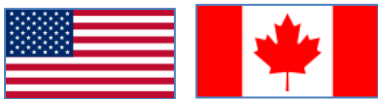
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US & Canada – Joint Statement



The White House posted the US-Canada Joint Statement on Climate, Energy, and Arctic Leadership. Among other things, the Statement calls for cooperation on the establishment of sustainable shipping corridors in Arctic waters. (3/10/16).

USCG – AICT Executive Champion



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that Rear Admiral Paul Thomas has been designated as the Executive Champion to the USCG Arctic Initiatives Coordination Team (AICT). The AICT is responsible for implementation of the Commandant's Arctic Strategy. [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/03/11/3112016-new-arctic-executive-champion-introduced/>] (3/11/16).

USCG – CFVs dispensing petroleum products



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule revising its safety regulations for uninspected commercial fishing vessels (CFVs) carrying flammable or combustible liquid cargoes in bulk. The rule enters into effect on 13 April. **81 Fed. Reg. 13279** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-14/pdf/2016-05262.pdf>] (3/14/16).

USCG – Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks comment on the final report of the "Port Access Route Study: The Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida". Comments must be received by 13 April. **81 Fed. Reg. 13307** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-14/pdf/2016-05706.pdf>] (3/14/16).

SHC – meeting on 13 April



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet in Washington, DC on 13 April to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 69). Topics on the agenda include harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water; air emissions; the garbage record book; and use of electronic record books. **81 Fed. Reg. 13443** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-14/pdf/2016-05677.pdf>] (3/14/16).

CBP – NCAP tests re EPA data



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice announcing that it is revising the number of persons who may participate in the

three National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) tests concerning electronic transmission of certain import data required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **81 Fed. Reg. 13399** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-14/pdf/2016-05678.pdf>] (3/14/16).

Hawaii – Humpback Whale NMS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it is withdrawing its proposed rulemaking to amend the regulations for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS). **81 Fed. Reg. 13303** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-14/pdf/2016-05452.pdf>] (3/14/16).

OFAC – changes to Iran sanctions list



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a notice publishing the names of the 59 individuals, 385 entities, 76 aircraft, and 227 vessels that were removed from the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List), the Foreign Sanctions Evaders (FSE) List, and/or the Non-SDN Iran Sanctions Act (NS-ISA) List on 16 January 2016 – Implementation Day of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of 14 July 2015 (JCPOA). **81 Fed. Reg. 13561** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-14/pdf/2016-05315.pdf>] (3/14/16).

ARC – meeting on 16 March



The Arctic Research Commission (ARC) issued a notice stating that it will meet in Fairbanks on 16 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 13318** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-14/pdf/2016-04559.pdf>] (3/14/16).

FERC – Jordan Cove project rejected



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **notice** denying the proposal of Jordan Cove Energy Project, LP to construct and operate an LNG liquefaction facility and export terminal near Coos Bay, Oregon. [located at <http://www.ferc.gov/CalendarFiles/20160311154932-CP13-483-000.pdf>] (3/11/16).

DOT – infrastructure project funding



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** announcing the availability of funding for infrastructure projects, including intermodal freight facilities. [located at <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-transportation-secretary-foxx-announces-notice-funding-availability-infrastructure>] (3/11/16).

DOJ – cruise ship employee convicted



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a former cruise ship employee has been sentenced to ten years in prison and forfeiture of \$53,369 after his conviction for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. The cocaine was smuggled into the United States from Honduras on board cruise ships. [located at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/cruise-ship-employee-sentenced-10-years-drug-smuggling>] (3/11/16).

DOJ – arrest for stolen identity



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the former captain of a dinner cruise ship in Houston has been arrested for using a stolen identity to obtain, among other things, merchant mariner credentials and a Transportation Workers' Identification Credential (TWIC). [located at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/dinner-cruise-ship-captain-arrested-using-stolen-identity>] (3/10/16).

DOJ – shipping companies and engineers indicted



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the owner, operator and two engineering officers of the bulk carrier Gallia Graeca have been indicted for illegally discharging oily wastewater from the vessel and falsifying the vessel's oil record book (ORB). [located at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/shipping-companies-and-engineers-indicted-concealing-oil-pollution>] (3/10/16).

DOJ – shipping companies fined \$3 million



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that two shipping companies have paid \$3,659,500 in civil penalties for failure to comply with the terms of the contract to move federal government cargoes into and out of Afghanistan via sea, air, and land. The contract provided for payment based on the weight of the cargo. Investigation revealed that 563 weight tickets had been recreated. [located at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil/pr/shipping-companies-fined-falsifying-records-under-defense-contract>] (3/10/16).

Court – DWH moratorium claims rejected



The US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana ruled on the so-called 'Moratorium Claims'. These were claims brought against the responsible parties in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill incident by plaintiffs asserting economic loss that resulted from the federal government's moratorium on offshore drilling in the aftermath of the Macondo Well blowout and oil spill. The court ruled that the parties found responsible for the oil spill were not financially responsible for losses resulting from the moratorium. **DWH Moratorium Claims**, No. MDL-2179 (E.D. La., March 10, 2016). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Alan Spackman of the International Association of Drilling Contractors.*

Australia – fire on livestock carrier



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation of a fire on board the livestock carrier Ocean Drover at berth in Fremantle on 9 October 2014. The fire started in the crew's accommodation and spread across both accommodation decks before it was extinguished. The navigation bridge was also extensively damaged. Four crew members sustained injuries. The exact cause of the fire could not be identified, but investigation revealed that the ship's smoking policy was not effectively managed, that the cabin door was left open after the fire was discovered, and that the bridge deck stairwell fire door was hooked open. When responding to the fire, the crew did not complete a muster and accurate head count. **MO-2014-012** [located at <http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5769859/mo-2014-012-final.pdf>] (3/11/16).

Panama Canal – new tariffs on 1 April



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing new booking tariffs for the neopanamax locks and changes to tariffs for other transit related services. The changes will enter into effect on 1 April.

Advisory 09-2016 [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-09-2016.pdf>] (3/10/16).

Singapore – garbage collection services



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular providing an update on information pertaining to garbage collection services provided for ships by the Port of Singapore. **Port Marine Circular 5-2016** [located at <http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/c873bad5-7fdb-4769-829b-8030b870c2f9>] (3/9/16).

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