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Columbia River – WAMS review



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it is conducting a waterways analysis and management system (WAMS) review of the Columbia between Vancouver and the Bonneville Pools. Comments on the adequacy of existing aids to navigation and general safety issues relating to this waterway should be submitted by 31 August. (5/23/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2832530/>].

USCG – ship allowed to depart following temporary repairs



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the bulk carrier Sparna has been allowed to depart from its mooring at Kalama, Washington following completion of temporary repairs. The vessel grounded in March, suffering multiple hull fractures. The boulder that was lodged inside the hull during the grounding was encased in steel and concrete and remains onboard for the transit to a Japanese shipyard. (5/23/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2832546/>].

DOS – meeting on 15 June re IMO Council session



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that an open meeting will be held on 15 June in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Council (C 115). [81 Fed. Reg. 33316](#) (5/25/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-25/pdf/2016-12374.pdf>].

NOAA – HSRP members sought



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that, through 30 June 2017, it is soliciting nominations for membership on the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP). [81 Fed. Reg. 33215](#) (5/25/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-25/pdf/2016-12323.pdf>].

NOAA – Northeast Ocean Plan



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the draft [Northeast Ocean Plan](#). The plan is intended to provide an integrated, comprehensive, ecosystem-based, flexible, and proactive approach to planning and managing uses of the northeast marine environment. Comments must be submitted by 25 July. [81 Fed. Reg. 33213](#) (5/25/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-25/pdf/2016-12196.pdf>].

IWUB – meeting on 1 July



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 1 July in Paducah. Topics on the agenda include status of funding for projects and studies; status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund; and a proposed method of displaying navigation stoppages to maritime interests. **81 Fed. Reg. 33245** (5/25/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-25/pdf/2016-12267.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re water resources development



Representative Shuster (R-PA) introduced the **Water Resources Development Act of 2016** (H.R. 5303) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes. (5/23/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr5303ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr5303ih.pdf>].

Washington – proposed coal export facility



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** stating that it seeks comment on its draft environmental study for the proposed coal export facility near Longview. Public hearings will be held in Longview (24 May); Spokane (26 May); and Pasco (2 June). Comments must be received by 13 June. (5/24/16) [<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2016/070.html>].

Washington – aquatic invasive species treatment permit



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** stating that it proposes to update the permit requirements for treatment of aquatic invasive species. A webinar on the proposal will be held on 21 June. Comments must be received by 1 July. (5/20/16) [<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2016/069.html>].

EIB – investment in Scottish wind farm



The European Commission (EC) issued a [press release](#) stating that the European Investment Bank (EIB) will invest £525 million in the construction of the Beatrice offshore wind farm off the coast of Scotland. (5/24/16) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-1901_en.htm?locale=en].

UK – guidance re offshore renewable energy installations



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted [Guidance](#) regarding the impact on shipping of offshore renewable energy installations (OREI). (5/24/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/offshore-renewable-energy-installations-impact-on-shipping>].

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