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USCG – Title 46, CFR



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule making non-substantive technical, organizational, and conforming amendments to its regulations in title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The amendments enter into effect immediately. **81 Fed. Reg. 43950** (7/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-06/pdf/2016-15660.pdf>].

BOEM – Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), as chair of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body, issued a notice stating that comment is sought on draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan. Comments should be submitted by 6 September. [81 Fed. Reg. 44040](#) (7/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-06/pdf/2016-15588.pdf>].

Puget Sound – canary rockfish



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to remove the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin canary rockfish distinct population segment (DPS) from the federal list of threatened and endangered species and to remove its critical habitat designation. Comments on the proposal must be received by 6 September. [81 Fed. Reg. 43979](#) (7/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-06/pdf/2016-15923.pdf>].

MARAD – Energy Efficiency White Paper



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a [news release](#) announcing the availability of its Energy Efficiency White Paper that provides marine vessel owners and operators information on how to evaluate potential investments in efficiency measures and technologies. (7/1/16) [http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2016/marad-announces-release-of-energy-efficiency-white-paper/].

MARAD – battery design for hybrid tug



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a [news release](#) announcing the availability of a report evaluating the design and construction of new battery components, as well as the risks and benefits of battery use in the power plant of a hybrid tugboat. (7/1/16) [http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2016/marad-releases-report-on-improved-battery-compartment-design-for-hybrid-tugs/].

Senate – bill introduced re aquatic ecosystems



Senator Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced a bill ([S. 3121](#)) to require the Secretary of the Army to carry out a comprehensive assessment and management plan to restore aquatic ecosystems in the North Atlantic coast region. (6/29/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s3121is/pdf/BILLS-114s3121is.pdf>].

Arctic Council – oil spill response exercise



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a [press release](#) stating that the eight member nations of the Arctic Council recently conducted an Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) Work Group meeting in Montreal for a simulated oil spill response exercise. (7/5/16) [<http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/BSEE-News-Briefs/2016/BSEE-Arctic-Council-Work-Group-Address-Oil-Spill-Risks/>].

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