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posting, even though it contains a number of individual items. A meal without wine is called breakfast.

White House – Arctic Science Ministerial



The White House issued a **Fact Sheet** announcing that the first-ever Arctic Science Ministerial to advance international research efforts regarding changes in the Arctic and their global consequences was held on 28 September in Washington, DC. (9/28/16) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/28/fact-sheet-united-states-hosts-first-ever-arctic-science-ministerial>].

SHC – meeting on 15 November



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 15 November in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 97). **81 Fed. Reg. 67415** (9/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-30/pdf/2016-23708.pdf>].

Columbia River – System Operations EIS



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it, the Bonneville Power Administration, and the Bureau of Reclamation intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the system operation and maintenance of fourteen federal multi-purpose dams and related facilities located throughout the Columbia River basin. Comments must be received by 17 January 2017. **81 Fed. Reg. 67382** (9/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-30/pdf/2016-23346.pdf>].

IOOS Advisory Committee – meeting on 11-12 October



The Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Advisory Committee, sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet on 11-12 October in La Push, Washington. **81 Fed. Reg. 67295** (9/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-30/pdf/2016-23661.pdf>].

DOT – GPS adjacent band compatibility



The Department of Transportation (DOT) will host its **fifth workshop** on the Global Positioning System (GPS) Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment effort on 14 October in Washington, DC. (9/29/16).

USCG – heavy fuel oil in the Arctic



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the recent listening session regarding Heavy Fuel Oil in the Arctic. The purpose of the session was to exchange information regarding: (1) environmental risks to Arctic waters posed by HFO use by ships; (2) potential measures that could be taken to reduce those risks; and (3) development, sustainment, and economics of communities that would be directly affected by such measures. (9/29/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/29/recap-listening-session-heavy-fuel-oil-arctic/>].

FMC – \$338,000 collected



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it completed compromise agreements with one vessel-operating common carrier and six ocean transportation intermediaries, recovering a total of \$338,000 in civil penalties for alleged violations of the Shipping Act. (9/29/30) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-20/>].

Senate – bill introduced to improve maritime security



Senator Thune (R-SD) introduced the **Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Act** (S. 3379) to improve surface transportation and maritime security. (9/21/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s3379is/pdf/BILLS-114s3379is.pdf>].

House – bill introduced to amend FWPCA



Representative Boustany (R-LA) introduced the **Ending Legacy Lawsuit Abuse Act** (H.R. 6169) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit removal to United States district courts of certain civil actions filed in State courts. (9/26/16) [<https://www.congress.gov/114/bills/hr6169/BILLS-114hr6169ih.pdf>].

House – National Freight Mobility Infrastructure Fund



Representative Smith (D-WA) introduced a bill (H.R. 6193) to establish the National Freight Mobility Infrastructure Fund, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (9/27/16).

Indian Ocean – polymetallic sulphide exploration contract



The International Seabed Authority (ISA) issued a **news release** stating that it and the Government of India have signed a 15-year exploration contract for polymetallic sulphides. The application area, located in the central Indian Ocean, covers 10,000 square kilometers. (9/26/16) [<https://www.isa.org.jm/news/government-india-signs-exploration-contract-international-seabed-authority>].

EC – harbor seal protection in the UK



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it is referring the United Kingdom to court over its failure to propose sites for the protection of the harbor seal. (9/29/16) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3128_en.htm].

Canada – HMS Terror



The Government of Canada issued a **news release** announcing that the recently discovered wreck in Terror Bay off King William Island in Nunavut has

been confirmed to be that of the HMS Terror. Terror and Erebus were part of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition that attempted to navigate the Northwest Passage in the nineteenth century. Parks Canada will work closely with Inuit in Nunavut and government organizations on the matter of joint-ownership of artifacts from HMS Erebus and HMS Terror. (9/26/16) [<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1130009>].

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