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## Yemen – missile attacks on US Navy warships



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that, for the second time in four days, a US Navy warship on routine operations in international waters off the Red Sea coast of Yemen has responded to an incoming missile threat. The missiles are believed to have originated from Houthi-controlled territory in Yemen. The release states that the US will respond to this threat at the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner. (10/12/16) [<http://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/971904/uss-mason-responds-to-missile-threat-off-yemens-coast>]. *Note: Unofficial reports indicate that the United States has since destroyed several military sites in Houthi-controlled territory in Yemen.*

## USCG – VHF channel changes coming



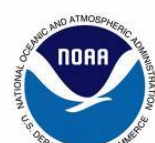
The **USCG Navigation Center** issued a notice stating that the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) has amended the VHF maritime radio channel numbering scheme which will affect 18 channels used in the U.S. New VHF radios will eventually begin using this scheme. Changes to U.S. channel numbers are shown on the USCG NAVCEN [U.S. VHF Channels](#) page. (10/12/16) [<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>].

## Brownsville – waterway suitability assessment



The USCG issued a notice stating that it has received a Letter of Intent (LOI) and Waterways Suitability Assessment (WSA) for three LNG facility construction projects in Brownsville. Comments must be received by 12 December. **81 Fed. Reg. 70694** (10/13/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-13/pdf/2016-24752.pdf>].

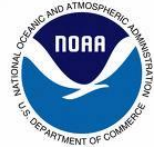
## Hawaii – He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has extended, until 30 October, the period within which to submit comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and draft management plan for the proposed designation of the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve in

Hawai'i. **81 Fed. Reg. 70666** (10/13/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-13/pdf/2016-24679.pdf>].

## California – coastal multispecies recovery plan



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing finalization of the Coastal Multispecies Recovery Plan for various species of fish that spawn and rear in streams and rivers along the central and northern California coast and in tributaries to San Francisco Bay. **81 Fed. Reg. 70666** (10/13/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-13/pdf/2016-24716.pdf>].

## FMC – meeting on 19 October



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Commissioners will meet on 19 October in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will be briefed on the TOC 2016 Conference, the Consultative Shipping Group meetings; and the IMO and European Maritime Law Organization. During the closed session, they will receive briefings on the Hanjin Bankruptcy and shipping disruptions and on the pending third-party audit of PIERPass under the West Coast MTO Discussion Agreement. (10/12/16) [[http://www.fmc.gov/meeting\\_10-19-2016/](http://www.fmc.gov/meeting_10-19-2016/)].

## Continental Navy – founded 13 October 1775



The **United States Navy** is celebrating the 241st anniversary of its founding. On 13 October 1775, the Continental Congress established the Continental Navy. The Continental Navy was disbanded as a separate entity after the Revolution, but reestablished as the US Navy when Congress, on 27 March 1794, directed the construction and manning of six frigates, whose original mission was to attack the Barbary pirates. From these humble beginnings has been created the most powerful Navy ever, a portion of which is once again deterring pirates. Happy birthday, tars!

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