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USCG – CSNCOE newsletter



The USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE) issued a **newsletter** providing information on a variety of topics, including Certificate of Compliance (COC) exams following dry docking; initial COC exams; outstanding plan review items; upcoming regulatory enforcement; and Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner (FPVE) historical data. (10/27/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/10/27/10272016-new-edition-of-coast-guards-cruise-ship-national-center-of-expertise-newsletter-posted/>].

DOJ – tuna fishing company pleads guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that an American tuna fishing company pleaded guilty of illegal discharges of oily waste water into the ocean and of failing to maintain an accurate oil record book (ORB). Under terms of a plea agreement, the company will pay a \$1.6 million fine, as well as a community service payment of \$400,000. (10/27/16)

[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/tuna-vessel-operator-convicted-oil-discharges-american-samoa>].

MARAD – \$4.85 million in Marine Highway grants



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that grants totaling \$4.85 million have been awarded for Marine Highway projects along the waterways of 17 states and the District of Columbia. (10/27/16)

[https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2016/maritime-administration-awards-4-85-million-in-grants-for-marine-highway-projects/].

New York – offshore wind energy development



The Department of the Interior issued a **press release** stating that over 79,000 acres offshore New York will be auctioned for wind energy development on 15 December. (10/27/16) [<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-auction-over-79000-acres-offshore-new-york-wind-energy-development>].

MPAFAC – meeting on 9 November



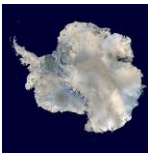
The Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPAFAC), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet via web conference on 9 November. **81 Fed. Reg. 75049** (10/28/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-28/pdf/2016-26074.pdf>].

Court – aggregate fee award



The US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana ordered that attorneys representing private individuals and businesses that entered into economic and medical claims settlements with BP stemming from the Deepwater Horizon tragedy are entitled to be paid \$555.2 million to cover their legal fees and expenses. On average the legal fees would be compensated at the rate of \$450 per hour. **In re Oil Spill**, MDL No. 2179 (ED La, October 25, 2016). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Keith Heard of **Burke & Parsons**.*

Antarctic – Ross Sea MPA



The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) issued a **news release** stating that the Member countries have agreed to establish a marine protected area (MPA) in the Ross Sea, which will come into force in December 2017. The majority of the MPA will consist of a 'no-take' zone; while in the remainder limited harvesting will be allowed. (10/28/16) [<https://www.ccamlr.org/en/news/2016/ccamlr-create-worlds-largest-marine-protected-area>]. *Note: This item was first brought to my attention by my good friend Wayne Becker of Salutory Technology.*

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