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## **Puget Sound – ‘No-Discharge Zone’ proposal**



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that it is extending, until 23 December, the period within which to submit comments on the preliminary affirmative decision that adequate sewage pump-out facilities are available for recreational and commercial vessels to support the Washington Department of Ecology's proposed 'No-Discharge Zone' for waters of Puget Sound. (12/7/16) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/media-advisory-epa-provides-additional-time-input-preliminary-decision-re-sewage-pump>].

## FMC – meeting on 14 December



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet on 14 December in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will receive a briefing on the Supply Chain Innovation Teams and consider the final rule on Presentation of Evidence in Commission Adjudications. During the closed session they will consider THE Alliance Agreement. **81 Fed. Reg. 89102** (12/9/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-09/pdf/2016-29779.pdf>].

## Senate – bill introduced re China sanctions



Senator Rubio (R-FL) introduced the **South China Sea and East China Sea Sanctions Act of 2016** (S. 3509) to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea. (12/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s3509is/pdf/BILLS-114s3509is.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re US-flag vessels



Representative Garamendi (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 6454) to require a certain percentage of LNG and crude oil exports be transported on United States-built and United States-flag vessels, and for other purposes. (12/7/16).

## House – bill introduced re US documented vessels



Representative Garamendi (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 6455) to require a certain percentage of LNG and crude oil exports be transported on vessels documented under the laws of the United States, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Garamendi issued a **press release** explaining the measure. [<http://garamendi.house.gov/press-release/congressman-garamendi-introduces-energizing-american-maritime-act-strong-support>]. (12/7/16).

## California – auxiliary diesel engine enforcement



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued its **2017 Advisory** explaining how the agency will proceed with enforcement of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Auxiliary Diesel Engines Operated on Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth in a California Port beginning 1 January 2017. (November 2016) [<https://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower/forms/regulatoryadvisory2016/regulatoryadvisory110316.pdf>].

## EC – offshore renewable energy



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it has concluded that Belgian plans to finance electricity generation from offshore renewable energy are in line with EU state aid rules. (12/8/16) [[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-4245\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-4245_en.htm)].

## ReCAAP – November report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **Monthly Report** for November. A total of ten incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia were reported during the month. Of great concern was the continued occurrence of incidents involving the abduction of crew from ships while underway in the Sulu-Celebes Sea and off eastern Sabah. (12/8/16) [[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=464&PortalId=0&TabId=78](http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=464&PortalId=0&TabId=78)].

## Holiday season



The holiday season has begun – a good time to give thanks for our blessings. For instance, I am blessed by well over four thousand subscribers, some of whom actually read my almost daily newsletter. For those subscribers who made financial contributions for continued operation of the service, I have extended your subscriptions for another year. For those who elected to not make financial contributions, I have extended your subscriptions for two years. I am also blessed by a large and growing family, with whom I expect to spend quality time this season. If my newsletter is published less frequently during this season, you long-suffering readers will be blessed and will know that I am too.

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