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## **USCG – Subchapter M TPOs**



The USCG Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE) has created a webpage regarding **Third-Party Organizations** (TPOs) that have been approved to conduct audits, surveys, and other functions for US towing vessels regulated by Subchapter M of Title 46 CFR. (1/6/17)  
[<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/TVNCOE/SubMTPOs.asp>].

## USCG – 2014 amendments to MLC 2006



The US Coast Guard issued a marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) providing guidance regarding how the agency will be enforcing the 2014 amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006) concerning financial security for repatriation of seafarers and liability in cases of a seafarer's injury or death. The amendments enter into effect on 18 January. **MSIB 01-17** (1/6/17) [[https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/001\\_17\\_1-06-2017.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/001_17_1-06-2017.pdf)].

## Gulf of Alaska – rescuing the rescuers



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a commercial tug is towing the USCGC Spar back to Kodiak after it became disabled while responding to the disabled and adrift fishing vessel Lady Gudny in the Gulf of Alaska in inclement weather. As Spar took Lady Gudny in tow, the line separated and entangled in Spar's propellers. The four persons on Lady Gudny were airlifted to Kodiak. (1/7/17) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2911290/>].

## EPA – ECA compliance issues



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) posted a **bulletin** addressing North American and US Caribbean Sea emission control areas (ECAs) compliance issues. (December 2016) [<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/420f16055.pdf>].

## FMC – access to Commission information & records



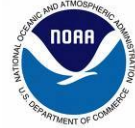
The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a final rule amending its regulations for processing requests for Commission information and records. The amendments enter into effect on 30 January. **82 Fed. Reg. 2248** (1/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-09/pdf/2016-31891.pdf>].

## FWS – Polar Bear Conservation Management Plan



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issued a notice stating that it has prepared the Polar Bear Conservation Management Plan. The polar bear is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and as depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. **82 Fed. Reg. 2392** (1/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-09/pdf/2017-00127.pdf>].

## NOAA – Mallows Bay-Potomac River NMS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to designate the Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary (NMS). Public meetings will be held in La Plata (7 March) and Arnold (9 March). Written comments must be received by 31 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 2254** (1/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-09/pdf/2016-31742.pdf>].

## NOAA – Wisconsin-Lake Michigan NMS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to designate the Wisconsin-Lake Michigan National Marine Sanctuary (NMS). Public meetings will be held in Algoma (13 March); Manitowoc (14 March); Sheboygan (15 March); and Port Washington (16 March). Written comments must be received by 31 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 2269** (1/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-09/pdf/2016-31741.pdf>].

## BOEM – Atlantic seismic G&G permits denied



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** announcing the denial of six pending geophysical and geological (G&G) permit applications to conduct airgun seismic surveys in the Mid- and South Atlantic Ocean. The Atlantic Program Area has been removed from the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. (1/7/17) [<https://www.boem.gov/press01062017/>].

## Senate – bill introduced re tsunami detection



Senator Cantwell (D-WA) introduced a bill (S. 53) to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation

program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/5/17).

### House – bill introduced re tsunami detection



Representative Bonamici (D-OR) introduced a bill (H.R. 312) to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/5/17).

### California – marine invasive species reporting requirements



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) issued a **letter** reminding stakeholders of various reporting requirements related to marine invasive species. SLC will conduct a workshop on 22 February in Martinez concerning these requirements. (12/30/16)  
[[http://www.slc.ca.gov/Forms/MISP/2017\\_LtrAgents.pdf](http://www.slc.ca.gov/Forms/MISP/2017_LtrAgents.pdf)].

### Denmark – digitizing sea service records



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that it is digitizing seafarers' sea service records, allowing seafarers online access to their data. (1/6/17)  
[<http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/DanishMaritimeAuthoritydigitalisesseafarers%27seagoingservice.aspx>].

### Singapore – oil spill cleanup



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that good progress has been made in containing and cleaning up the oil spillage from the Wan Hai 301-APL Denver collision. (1/6/17)  
[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/06e03f09-b990-40f9-9f0f-f19792d3e11a>].

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