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USCG – marine casualty reporting



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend the monetary property damage threshold amounts for reporting a marine casualty and for reporting a serious marine incident. Under the proposal, the threshold for marine casualties would be raised from \$25,000 to \$72,000 and the threshold for a serious marine incident would be raised from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Comments must be received by 24 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 7755** (1/23/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-23/pdf/2017-01323.pdf>].

USCG – TSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks applications for membership on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). Applications should be submitted by 9 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 7845** (1/23/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-23/pdf/2017-01324.pdf>].

NOAA – canary rockfish



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) promulgated a final rule removing the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin distinct population segment (DPS) of canary rockfish from the federal list of threatened and endangered species and removing the designated critical habitat. This rule enters into effect on 24 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 7711** (1/23/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-23/pdf/2017-00559.pdf>].

Michigan – marine construction



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a notice stating that it has approved a change to the State of Michigan's Occupational Safety and Health State Plan that clarifies the marine construction is included in its State Plan. **82 Fed. Reg. 7867** (1/23/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-23/pdf/2017-01414.pdf>].

Australia – reminder re 2020 sulphur limit



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding stakeholders of the limit of 0.50 mass per cent concentration (0.50% m/m) sulphur content in fuel oil for all ships from 1 January 2020. **Marine Notice 2-2017** (1/20/17) [<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

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