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Port Everglades – environmental analysis



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it is preparing a supplemental environmental analysis for the Port Everglades Navigation Improvement Project. Scoping meetings will be held in Port Everglades on 22 February. Written comments must be received by 24 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 8515** (1/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-26/pdf/2017-01804.pdf>].

House – bill introduced to exempt old vessels



Representative Chabot (R-OH) introduced a bill (H.R. 619) to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the

vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/24/17).

EC – European Border and Coast Guard



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that the European Border and Coast Guard has achieved progress since its launch three months ago, but work is still needed in making the agency fully operational. (1/25/17) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-123_en.htm].

ReCAAP – report for 17-23 January



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **Report** for the week of 17-23 January. Two incidents were reported during the week. Three crew members were abducted from a fishing trawler in Philippines waters and a tug was approached by speedboats off Bangladesh. (1/25/17) [http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=475&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

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