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BSEE – strategic organizational assessment;
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House – bill introduced re Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs; and
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DOJ – fishing vessel captain pleads guilty to waste discharge



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the captain of a fishing vessel pleaded guilty in federal court to discharging oily waste directly into the ocean and to conspiracy. (3/17/17)

[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/captain-fishing-vessel-pleads-guilty-discharging-waste-ocean>].

BSEE – strategic organizational assessment



The National Academy of Public Administration issued a **strategic organizational assessment** of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). (3/17/17) [<http://www.napawash.org/2017/1934-bureau-of-safety-and-environmental-enforcement-strategic-organizational-assessment.html>].

Offshore North Carolina – wind energy lease sale



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a [press release](#) stating that the lease sale of 122,405 acres offshore Kitty Hawk has been completed. (3/16/17) [<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-auctions-over-122000-acres-offshore-kitty-hawk-north-carolina-wind>].

House – bill introduced re Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs



Representative Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced a bill (H.R. 1559) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs, and for other purposes.

Representative Sensenbrenner issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure.

(3/16/17)

[<http://sensenbrenner.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398157>].

House – bill introduced re maritime security training



Representative Ruiz (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 1619) to authorize assistance and training to increase maritime security and domain awareness of foreign countries bordering the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, or the Mediterranean Sea in order to deter and counter illicit smuggling and related maritime activity by Iran, including illicit Iranian weapons shipments. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (3/17/17).

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