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### **USCG – fifth application received for BWMS type approval**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has received its fifth application for ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval. This application for the Ecochlor Ballast Water Treatment System manufactured by Ecochlor, Inc. Thus far, three BWMS have received type approval and two are undergoing review. (4/10/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/04/10/4102017-fifth-application-received-for-bwms-type-approval/>].

## NOSAC – meeting on 16-17 May



The National Offshore Safety advisory Committee (NOSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 16-17 May on New Orleans. Topics on the agenda include safety management systems on vessels engaging in well intervention activities. **82 Fed. Reg. 17439** (4/11/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-11/pdf/2017-07215.pdf>].

## USACE – proposals by non-federal interests



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it seeks proposals by non-federal interests for feasibility studies and for modifications to an authorized water resources development project or feasibility study for inclusion in the annual report to Congress on future water resources development. Proposals must be submitted online by 9 August. **82 Fed. Reg. 17418** (4/11/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-11/pdf/2017-07253.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re Columbia River salmon



Representative Herrera Beutler (R-WA) introduced a bill (H.R. 2083) to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (4/7/17).

## EC – Hamburg Süd acquisition conditionally approved



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it has conditionally approved the acquisition of Hamburg Süd by Maersk Line. (4/10/17) [[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-17-904\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-904_en.htm)].

## NATO – boarding of merchant vessel



NATO issued a **news release** stating that an at-sea boarding was conducted on a merchant vessel in the Aegean Sea to ensure compliance with international law. The boarding was conducted with the consent of the flag state.

Upon completion of the boarding the vessel was allowed to continue to its next port. (4/10/17) [<http://www.mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2017/operation-sea-guardian-boarding-conducted.aspx>].

### India – emergency towing vessels sought



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) posted a **Notice of Competitive Bidding** for hiring one emergency towing vessel (ETV) in Indian waters on the east and west coast for the monsoon seasons. A pre-bid meeting will be held in the DGS office on 26 April and bids must be received by 11 May. (4/10/17) [[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201704100554004176852Doc\\_etv\\_tender.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201704100554004176852Doc_etv_tender.pdf)].

### Panama Canal – March operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during March. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Advisory 14-2017** (4/7/17) [<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-14-2017.pdf>].

### Somalia – attempted hijacking



The EU NAVFOR issued a **press release** providing further details of the attempted hijacking of a merchant vessel off the coast of Somalia that was reported in yesterday's newsletter. (4/10/17) [<http://eunavfor.eu/cargo-ship-mv-os-35-freed-from-pirate-control-after-successful-cooperation-between-counter-piracy-naval-forces-in-gulf-of-aden/>].

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