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Miami – safety zone proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a safety zone within the Sector Miami Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone to provide for the safety of persons and vessels in the event of reduced or restricted visibility due to hurricanes or other disasters. Comments on the proposal must be received by 9 June. **82 Fed. Reg. 21742** (5/10/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-10/pdf/2017-09476.pdf>].

Puget Sound – incidental take authorization request



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it received a request for authorization to take marine

mammals incidental to the Mukilteo Multimodal Construction Project on Puget Sound. Comments must be received by 9 June. **82 Fed. Reg. 21793** (5/10/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-10/pdf/2017-09417.pdf>].

EPA – waters of the United States



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that the EPA and the US Army sent a letter to governors soliciting input from states on a new definition of protected waters that is in line with Supreme Court precedent. (5/9/17) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-us-army-solicit-state-input-redefining-waters-us-0>].

BSEE – Arctic oil spill response



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that it made a presentation at the recent Arctic Oil Spill Response Research & Technology Workshop regarding collaborative efforts to improve oil spill response technologies, including development of a submersible skimmer prototype for oil recovery in and around broken ice. (5/9/17) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-highlights-arctic-collaborations-on>].

MARAD – warning re Sulu and Celebes Seas



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued an advisory cautioning US-flag vessels to remain vigilant and adhere to counter-piracy measures when transiting the Sulu and Celebes Seas in light of recent boardings and kidnappings for ransom in that area. **Advisory 2017-004** (5/9/17) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/environment-and-safety/office-of-security/msci/advisory/>].

Senate – hearing re maritime policy and challenges



The Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation conducted a hearing on **Maritime Transportation: Opportunities and Challenges for the Maritime Administration and Federal Maritime Commission**. Testimony was received from the Honorable Michael Khouri, FMC; the Honorable Rebecca Dye, FMC; the Honorable Mario Cordero, FMC; RADM James Helis, USMMA; and

Mr. Joel Szabat, MARAD. (5/9/17)
[<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=697DDE9A-A351-4780-AB6E-AAED7C7C9AAC>].

IMO – Day of the Seafarer 2017



The IMO posted a **notice** stating that the Day of the Seafarer 2017 will be celebrated on 25 June. This year's theme is "Seafarers Matter". (5/9/17)

[<http://www.imo.org/en/About/Events/dayoftheseafarer/Pages/Day-of-the-Seafarer-2017.aspx>].

ReCAAP – April 2017 report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its monthly report for **April 2017**. A total of three incidents of piracy or armed robbery against ships in Asian waters were reported during the month, as compared to a total of 14 incidents reported during April 2016. (5/9/17)

[<http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Reports/2017/ReCAAP%20ISC%20April%202017%20Report.pdf>].

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