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### **USCG – hurricane & heavy weather contingency plans**



In anticipation of the North Atlantic hurricane season, my compilation of USCG **Hurricane & Heavy Weather Contingency Plans** has been updated. Please advise if you become aware of new or revised contingency plans that should be included in the compilation. (5/28/17) [[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/HCP/HCP\\_170528.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/HCP/HCP_170528.pdf)].

## BOEM – GOM deepwater bathymetry



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) posted its **Northern Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Bathymetry Grid**. The grid defines water depths in 1.4 billion 40x40 foot cells. (6/1/17) [<https://www.boem.gov/Gulf-of-Mexico-Deepwater-Bathymetry/>].

## NOAA – effect of anthropogenic sound on marine mammals



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the **Technical Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammal Hearing: Underwater Acoustic Thresholds for Onset of Permanent and Temporary Threshold Shifts**. Comments must be received by 17 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 24950** (5/31/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-31/pdf/2017-11035.pdf>].

## CBP – User Fee Advisory Committee members sought



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that it seeks applicants for membership on the CBP User Fee Advisory Committee. Applications should be submitted by 14 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 24729** (5/30/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-30/pdf/2017-10961.pdf>].

## USACE – FY 2017 Work Plan



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) posted its **FY 2017 Work Plan – Construction**. The plan includes both navigation and non-navigation projects nationwide. (5/24/17) [[http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/budget/workplan/FY17\\_WP\\_Construction.pdf?ver=2017-05-24-171202-580](http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/budget/workplan/FY17_WP_Construction.pdf?ver=2017-05-24-171202-580)].

## USCG – Proceedings



The US Coast Guard issued the January-April 2017 edition of the **Proceedings** of the Marine Safety & Security Council. The theme of this edition is

the 21st Century Maritime Workforce. (5/26/17)  
[<https://www.uscg.mil/proceedings/>].

### FMC – summary of 24 May meeting



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** summarizing the 24 May meeting of the Commissioners. Among other things, they received updates on the next steps in its regulatory reform initiative; progress toward establishing a new five-year strategic plan; and developments related to the new ocean carrier alliance structure. (5/26/17)  
[<https://www.fmc.gov/NR17-11/>].

### NOAA – Atlantic hurricane season forecast



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that a slightly above normal Atlantic hurricane season is likely this year. (5/25/17) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/above-normal-atlantic-hurricane-season-is-most-likely-year>].

### MARAD – small shipyard grants



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **press release** stating that the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is making available \$9.8 million in federal funding to support capital improvements and employee training at small US shipyards. Applications for the grants are due by 5 July. (5/26/17) [<https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/marado217>].

### NTSB – sign-up form



Individuals interested in activities of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in the maritime or some other sector may complete the **Sign-up Form** to receive emails from the agency. (5/25/17)  
[[https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=0011hN3HRrxV\\_ravEQ-RTa9zoM-m-S74rq61lmpubRlThxJhNq9JeQoSqd8svrcIO\\_xJ5tQeXPh2TzfLM1rqfgACa2LvXbUb\\_oZxJWMaiYYiumXZz\\_noJIqdsWGwp2tBFXbEfVxlJ21sUUCqLAGoZzpNxCbqzOmImoSswMY5KiIp5H5yCjCW3QoQ%3D%3D](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=0011hN3HRrxV_ravEQ-RTa9zoM-m-S74rq61lmpubRlThxJhNq9JeQoSqd8svrcIO_xJ5tQeXPh2TzfLM1rqfgACa2LvXbUb_oZxJWMaiYYiumXZz_noJIqdsWGwp2tBFXbEfVxlJ21sUUCqLAGoZzpNxCbqzOmImoSswMY5KiIp5H5yCjCW3QoQ%3D%3D)].

## Senate – bill introduced re Atlantic seismic activity



Senator Booker (D-NJ) introduced a bill (S. 1263) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil-, gas-, and methane hydrate-related seismic activities in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/25/17).

## Senate – bill introduced re pipeline spills



Senator Stabenow (D-MI) introduced a bill (S. 1269) to require the Office of Pipeline Safety to consult with the Environmental Protection Agency or the Coast Guard in the event the Federal on-scene coordinator has concerns about the ability of a pipeline operator to respond to a worst case discharge. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Stabenow issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (5/25/17)

[<https://www.stabenow.senate.gov/news/peters-stabenow-announce-new-pipeline-safety-legislation>].

## Senate – bill introduced to lift Cuban trade embargo



Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) introduced a bill (S. 1286) to lift the trade embargo on Cuba. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Klobuchar issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (5/25/17)

[<https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/news-releases?ID=E4DA725D-CoF6-45BA-AC83-7C5AFCF2F9B9>].

## Senate – bill introduced re travel to Cuba



Senator Flake (R-AZ) introduced a bill (S. 1287) to allow United States citizens and legal residents to travel between the United States and Cuba. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Flake issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (5/25/17)

[<https://www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=1BD1AoFE-F753-4715-969B-9ACBEC2Co657>].

## House – bill introduced re marine debris



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced a bill (H.R. 2748) to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/25/17).

## Tonga – multinational rescue



Maritime New Zealand issued a [media release](#) stating that the Government of Tonga reported six fishermen overdue. A US Coast Guard C-130 aircraft was preparing to return from New Zealand to Honolulu following completion of the Pacific Search and Rescue (PACSAR) conference. With guidance from the New Zealand Rescue Coordination Centre, the flight path was altered to overfly the search zone. The USCG aircraft spotted the fishermen, dropped supplies, and vectored in a Tongan Navy vessel. (5/26/17) [<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2017/20170526a.asp>].

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