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ACRCC – Asian carp found beyond barrier



The Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee (ACRCC) issued a **news release** stating that a silver carp (a variety of Asian carp) has been found in the Illinois River beyond the electrified barrier and approximately seven miles from Lake Michigan. The fish, which has been sent for additional analysis, was 28 inches in length and weighed approximately eight pounds. The finding triggers two additional weeks of intense sampling in the area. (6/23/17) [<http://asiancarp.us/news/silvercarpcapture.htm>].

USCG – new NVDC website on 29 June



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that on 29 June the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) will be transitioning to a new website. (6/23/17) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/news/NVDCtrans.pdf>].

MERPAC – teleconference on 25-26 July



The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet via teleconference on 25-26 July to work on guidelines for approval of training courses and programs. **82 Fed. Reg. 28872** (6/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-26/pdf/2017-13258.pdf>].

MERPAC – teleconference on 2-3 August



The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet via teleconference on 2-3 August to review progress made by the military services toward meeting the goals on use of Military Education, Training, and Assessment for STCW and National Mariner Endorsements. **82 Fed. Reg. 28871** (6/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-26/pdf/2017-13257.pdf>].

DOE – LNG import and export



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice summarizing its recent orders granting authority to import and export LNG. **82 Fed. Reg. 28834** (6/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-26/pdf/2017-13233.pdf>].

FERC – Jordan Cove LNG Terminal project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement for the planned Jordan Cove LNG Terminal project. Comments must be received by 10

July. **82 Fed. Reg. 28837** (6/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-26/pdf/2017-13271.pdf>].

NOAA – National Marine Sanctuaries review



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it is conducting a review of all designations and expansions of National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments since 28 April 2007. Comments must be submitted by 26 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 28827** (6/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-26/pdf/2017-13308.pdf>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – ship inspections as per usual



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a **notice** stating that, effective immediately, ship inspections will be offered as per usual. Seaway Notice 13-2017 no longer applies. Seaway Notice 16-2017 (6/23/17) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20170623.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re battle force ships



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced a bill (S. 1414) to state the policy of the United States on the minimum number of available battle force ships. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Wicker issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/22/17) [<https://www.wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=5C467B22-0AE2-448C-A609-DAA6EFF21B9D>].

Senate – bill introduced re natural gas import/export



Senator Cassidy (R-LA) introduced a bill (S. 1415) to terminate the prohibitions on the exportation and importation of natural gas, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Cassidy issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/22/17) [<https://www.cassidy.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cassidy-introduces-lng-now-act-to-remove-unnecessary-restrictions-on-lng-exports>].

Senate – bill introduced to reauthorize ICOOS Act



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced a bill (S. 1425) to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/22/17).

House – bill introduced re multimodal freight



Representative Lowenthal (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 3001) to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a Multimodal Freight Funding Formula Program and a National Freight Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program to improve the efficiency and reliability of freight movement in the United States, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Lowenthal issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (6/22/17)

[<https://lowenthal.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398858>].

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