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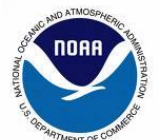
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## **FMC – trucking & delivery arrangements**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it has initiated an expedited inquiry of certain ocean carriers regarding complaints from some cargo owners that the carriers have been unilaterally changing service contract terms by cancelling the port/container yard to final customer destination leg of the cargo shipment. These cancellations are allegedly due to lack of inland truck availability. (4/23/18)  
[[https://www.fmc.gov/commission\\_to\\_examine\\_trucking\\_delivery\\_arrangements/](https://www.fmc.gov/commission_to_examine_trucking_delivery_arrangements/)].

## **OEAB – meeting on 16-17 May**



The Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in

Washington, DC on 16-17 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 17806** (4/24/18)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-24/pdf/2018-08523.pdf>].

### DOE – LNG export and import



The Department of Energy (DOE) posted notices of recent orders regarding export and import of LNG. **83 Fed. Reg. 17812** (4/24/18)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-24/pdf/2018-08433.pdf>].

### NAP – Gulf of Mexico Loop Current



The National Academies Press (NAP) issued a report entitled **Understanding and Predicting the Gulf of Mexico Loop Current**. (4/23/18)  
[[https://www.nap.edu/catalog/24823/understanding-and-predicting-the-gulf-of-mexico-loop-current-critical?utm\\_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm\\_campaign=0601dc9801-Final\\_Book\\_2018\\_04\\_23\\_24823&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_96101de015-0601dc9801-102060401&goal=0\\_96101de015-0601dc9801-102060401&mc\\_cid=0601dc9801&mc\\_eid=5629ef0b84](https://www.nap.edu/catalog/24823/understanding-and-predicting-the-gulf-of-mexico-loop-current-critical?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm_campaign=0601dc9801-Final_Book_2018_04_23_24823&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96101de015-0601dc9801-102060401&goal=0_96101de015-0601dc9801-102060401&mc_cid=0601dc9801&mc_eid=5629ef0b84)].

### New Zealand – mariner convicted of sailing despite conditions



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that a mariner who sailed his yacht in unsafe conditions from Wellington to Westport has been sentenced to community detention after ignoring conditions imposed by Maritime New Zealand that the vessel could not be operated outside Wellington Harbour. He was convicted of operating his vessel in a manner that caused unnecessary danger or risk to his passenger and his rescuers. (4/23/18)  
[<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2018/20180423a.asp>].

### UK – light due rates to be frozen



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted a **statement** advising that light due rates for 2018 to 2019 will be frozen at 37.5p per net registered tonne, meaning a 28% decrease in real terms since 2010. (4/23/18)  
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/light-dues-2018-to-2019>].

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