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## White House – Executive Order re ocean policy



President Trump signed an **Executive Order** regarding the ocean policy in order to advance the economic, security, and environmental interests of the United States. The goal of the order is to establish a more streamlined process for federal coordination on ocean policy. (6/19/18)

[<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-regarding-ocean-policy-advance-economic-security-environmental-interests-united-states/>].

## USCG – BWMS type approval certificate



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that a ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval certificate has been issued to BIO-UV Group for its BIO-SEA B BWMS. (6/20/18)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/20/6-20-2018-marine-safety-center-issues-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval-certificate-to-bio-uv-group/>].

## USCG – ballast water management regulations



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the ballast water management regulations and a discussion of how global trends will impact the maritime industry. (6/20/18)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/20/6-20-2018-posidonia-2018-ballast-water-management-regulations-global-trends-in-the-21st-century/>].

## Cape Charles – meetings re proposed anchorages



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that public meetings will be held in Norfolk (25 June) and Cape Charles (10 July) to invite public comment about the proposed creation and relocation of two Cape Charles anchorages. (6/20/18)  
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1f8c140>].

## USN – three naval officers censured



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer issued Secretarial Letters of Censure to three senior Navy officers based on findings that each of these officers' improper interactions with and acceptance of gifts from Glenn Defense Marine Asia (GDMA), a defense contractor and prohibited source. (6/20/18)  
[[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=106071](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=106071)].

## NOAA – underwater acoustic impacts



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing completion of the 2018 Revision to its 2016 Technical Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammal Hearing – Underwater Acoustic Thresholds for Onset of Permanent and Temporary Threshold Shifts. **83 Fed. Reg. 28824** (6/21/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-21/pdf/2018-13313.pdf>].

## FWS – eagle fatalities at wind energy facilities



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) seeks comments on its updated collision risk model to predict the number of golden and bald eagles that may be killed at new wind energy facilities. Comments must be submitted by 20 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 28858** (6/21/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-21/pdf/2018-13358.pdf>].

## DOE – policy re export of natural gas



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued its policy statement regarding long-term authorization to export natural gas to non-free trade agreement countries. The policy enters into effect immediately. **83 Fed. Reg. 28841** (6/21/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-21/pdf/2018-13427.pdf>].

## Court – bunker supplier without a lien



Over a vigorous dissent, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that a bunker supplier who dealt with a now-bankrupt trader rather than directly with the vessel or its owner does not have a maritime lien against the vessel. **Valero Marketing v MV Almi Sun**, No. 16-30194 (5th Cir., June 20, 2018) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/16/16-30194-CV0.pdf>]. *Note: This is the third recent appellate decision arriving at the same conclusion in the aftermath of the worldwide bankruptcy of O.W. Bunker group of companies.*

## UN – anthropologic underwater noise



The United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea issued a **notice** stating that the nineteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process (ICP 19) is being held in New York on 18-22 June. The focus of this meeting is anthropogenic underwater noise. (6/18/18) [[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/consultative\\_process/consultative\\_process.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/consultative_process/consultative_process.htm)].

## Australia – ship garbage recycling project



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **news release** stating that the ship garbage recycling project in the port of Brisbane has wrapped up. The results will now be evaluated looking for lessons learned. (6/20/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/ship-garbage-recycling-pilot-wraps-port-brisbane>].

## Singapore – safety initiatives



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** announcing new safety initiatives. The Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) will be upgraded. This includes improvements to the resolution of CCTV and video analytics capabilities, and expansion of the data bandwidth between the VTIS and radar stations to enhance situational awareness through ensuring high resolution radar plots. A VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) will be developed to facilitate real-time data transfer between shore and ships in the port. (6/20/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/131c9f9b-46a5-44c2-b219-315e41bf7763>].

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