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Port Valdez – safety zone



The US Coast Guard republished its 2014 rule establishing a permanent safety zone on waters of Port Valdez within 200 yards of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry terminal. The safety zone, which is effective immediately, will be enforced when there is a declared Commercial Salmon Fishery Opener. [83 Fed. Reg. 32208](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-12/pdf/2018-14863.pdf) (7/12/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-12/pdf/2018-14863.pdf>].

USACE & EPA – waters of the United States



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) that would recodify the 2015 preexisting rule defining 'waters of the United States'. Comments must be received by 13 August.

[83 Fed. Reg. 32227](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-12/pdf/2018-14679.pdf) (7/12/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-12/pdf/2018-14679.pdf>].

NOAA – possible meteorite fragments recovered



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that scientists have recovered from the sea floor possible fragments of a meteorite that landed in the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary on 7 March 2018. (7/11/18) [<http://www.noaa.gov/stories/scientists-recover-possible-fragments-of-meteorite-landed-in-marine-sanctuary>].

House – bill introduced re FMC



Representative Posey (R-FL) introduced the [Common Sense Maritime and Consumer Services Protection Act](#) (H.R. 6303) to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide statutory authority for the Office of Consumer Affairs and Dispute Resolution Services of the Federal Maritime Commission, to increase public awareness and understanding of ocean shipping services agreements and such Office, and for other purposes. (7/3/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr6303ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr6303ih.pdf>].

UK – laser targeting sanctions



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a [news release](#) reminding the public the new law imposing tougher sanctions for targeting a laser at vehicles, including trains, planes, cars, and vessels, has entered into force. Penalties range up to five years in prison, an unlimited fine, or both. (7/10/18) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tougher-laser-misuse-laws-come-into-force>].

UK – ballast water management FAQ



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency posted its [Ballast Water Management FAQ](#). (7/11/18) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/724375/Ballast_Water_Management_FAQ_Version_1.pdf].

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