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Court – Exxon Valdez litigation; and
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USCG – fishing vessel investigated for dumping oil



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it is investigating a US fishing vessel for knowingly discharging oil in Canadian waters off British Columbia. (7/19/18)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1ffe32d>].

FMC – expanded OTI flexibility



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that the Commissioners approved a draft final rule offering deregulatory flexibilities for non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOCCs) negotiated rate arrangements (NRAs) and negotiated service arrangements (NSAs). The rule will enter into effect on 22 August. (7/19/18)
[https://www.fmc.gov/expanded_flexibility_for_otis_effective_august_22_2018/].

NOAA & FWS – proposed reforms to ESA regulations



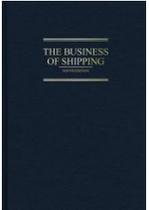
The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that it and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) seek public input [proposed reforms](#) to improve and modernize implementation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). (7/19/18) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-and-noaa-fisheries-seek-public-input-on-proposed-reforms>].

Court – Exxon Valdez litigation



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rule in favor of Exxon in litigation involving pre-judgment and post-judgment interest regarding damages resulting from the 1979 Exxon Valdez oil spill. [Nautilus Marine Enterprises v Exxon](#), No. 17-35527 (9th Cir., July 18, 2018) [<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2018/07/18/17-35227.pdf>]. *Note: I am astonished to see litigation from the 29-year-old spill is still ongoing.*

The Business of Shipping



The ninth edition of ‘[The Business of Shipping](#)’ by Ira Breskin, Senior Lecturer, SUNY Maritime College, has been published. A primer on the shipping industry from the US perspective, it provides a lengthy (448-page) but comprehensive analysis of the industry from a business viewpoint. There are numerous books on detailed aspects of the industry, but this is one of the few that examines all facets, including economics, policy, and regulation as they impact the various sectors. While those new to the industry will certainly benefit, the book is also useful for those deeply immersed in one sector who seek a greater appreciation of other sectors. (7/19/18) [https://www.amazon.com/Business-Shipping-Ira-Breskin/dp/0764354728/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1532024659&sr=1-4&keywords=The+Business+of+Shipping&dpID=41frEq7oJhL&preST=_SY291_BO1,204,203,200_QL40_&dpSrc=srch].

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