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US – National Climate Assessment



The **Fourth National Climate Assessment** (NCA) has been published by the federal government. The chapter on Oceans & Coasts begins: “Rising water temperatures, ocean acidification, retreating arctic sea ice, sea level rise, high-tide flooding, coastal erosion, higher storm surge, and heavier precipitation events threaten our oceans and coasts. These effects are projected to continue, putting ocean and marine species at risk, decreasing the productivity of certain fisheries, and threatening communities that rely on marine ecosystems for livelihoods and recreation, with particular impacts on fishing communities in Hawai‘i and the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands, the U.S. Caribbean, and the Gulf of Mexico.” (11/23/18) [<https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>]. *Note: While the report focuses on the US, the impacts described will occur globally.*

San Francisco – ferry allision



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a passenger ferry allided with the pier at the San Francisco Ferry Building. There were two minor injuries and no reports of pollution. The incident is under investigation. (11/24/18)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/21da424>].

FMC – notice to passengers of Norwegian Jade



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) posted a **Notice to Passengers** of the cruise ship Norwegian Jade who were on board when the vessel could not continue its scheduled voyage due to mechanical problems on 18 November. The vessel's operator, Norwegian Cruise Line, has arranged for compensation for those passengers. (11/23/18)
[https://www.fmc.gov/notice_to_passengers_norwegian_jade/].

FMC – closed meeting on 3 December



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet on 3 December in closed session to consider the final report for Fact Finding No. 28 – Conditions and Practices Relating to Detention, Demurrage, and Free Time in International Oceanborne Commerce. **83 Fed. Reg. 60426** (11/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-26/pdf/2018-25814.pdf>].

USACE – GLMRIS-Brandon Road report and EIS



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that the Final Great Lakes-Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)-Brandon Road report and environmental impact statement (EIS) is available for review until 24 December. **83 Fed. Reg. 60412** (11/26/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-26/pdf/2018-25647.pdf>].

Jacksonville – Eagle LNG draft EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the Eagle LNG Partner's Jacksonville Project. Comments must be received by 7 January. **83 Fed. Reg. 60414** (11/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-26/pdf/2018-25581.pdf>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – wintering ships



The Great Lakes- St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a revised closing notice. The changes are with regard to wintering ships. **Seaway Notice 13-2018** (11/23/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20181123.pdf>].

House – hearing on national maritime strategy



On November 29, the Committee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will conduct a **hearing** to review recent GAO reports on icebreaker acquisition and the need for a national maritime strategy. (11/23/18) [<https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=402915>].

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