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House – bill introduced to pay certain employees;
House – bill introduced to combat lionfish;
House – bill introduced re USCG appropriations; and
EC – assessment of proposed shipyard merger.

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Oregon – three fishermen die in capsizing



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a commercial crabbing vessel capsized in the Yaquina Bay Bar and the three fishermen aboard died. The vessel had been crabbing offshore for three days and was attempting to return to port. Weather conditions were bad at the bar with waves up to 20 feet in height. They had requested and received a Coast Guard escort, which was nearby when the capsizing occurred and immediately began searching for the crew members while calling for more support. One crew member was recovered by a Coast Guard helicopter; another washed ashore; and the third was found within the hull of the capsized vessel. The incident is under investigation.

(1/9/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22742c9>].

Virginia – coal carrier grounds



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a coal carrier grounded near Virginia Beach, but refloated on the rising tide. There were no reports of injury or pollution. The incident is under investigation. (1/10/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2275f5e>].

NSIDC – polar sea ice at historic lows



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a [news release](#) stating that as 2018 came to a close, Arctic sea ice extent was tracking at its third lowest level in the satellite record, while sea ice in the Antarctic remained at historic lows. (1/7/19) [<https://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>].

House – bill introduced re USCG pay



Representative DeFazio (D-OR) introduced the [Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2019](#) (H.R. 367) making appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event an appropriations Act expires before the enactment of a new appropriations Act. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative DeFazio issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (1/9/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr367ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr367ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re USCG pay



Representative Byrne (R-AL) introduced a bill (H.R. 374) to make continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event that appropriations for Coast Guard pay in fiscal year 2019 expire and a new appropriations Act has not been enacted. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/9/19).

House – bill introduced to pay certain federal employees



Representative Biggs (R-AZ) introduced the [Pay Our Protectors Act](#) (H.R. 371) making appropriations for certain Federal employees working during the Government shutdown beginning on or about December 22, 2018, and for other purposes. Representative Biggs issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (1/9/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr371ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr371ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced to combat lionfish



Representative Soto (D-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 417) to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/9/19).

House – bill introduced re USCG appropriations



Representative Wild (D-PA) introduced a bill (H.R. 421) making continuing appropriations for the Coast Guard. (1/9/19)
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr421ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr421ih.pdf>].

EC – assessment of proposed shipyard merger



The European Commission (EC) issued a [press release](#) stating that it will assess the proposed acquisition of Chantiers de l'Atlantique by Fincantieri in the light of the EU merger regulations. (1/8/19) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-19-262_en.htm].

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