## Washington D.C. Year in Review

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### MSFCMA Reauthorization: <u>House</u> Activity

- H.R. 4690: WOW Subcmte Chairman Huffman's (CA-D-2<sup>nd</sup>) "Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act" includes bycatch, fishery disasters, S-K reform, EFH/HAPC, climate change, ecosystem function, science, rebuilding, forage fish, sexual harassment, etc.
- H.R. 59: AK Rep. Don Young's (AK-R-At large) "Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act" (2018 passed House; 2022 no movement)
- Rep. Huffman conducts 2020-21 MSA "Listening Tour"; RFMCs/CCC file comments (11/4/21)
- 11/1/21: House WOW hearing on H.R.4690/H.R.59
- Rep. Young passes away 3/18/22 in the midst of MSA "negotiations"; Chairman Huffman issues a pause until AK voters can replace Don Young



ROMEA Prognostication: MSA highly unlikely but parts of H.R. 4690 are still in play...

### MSFCMA Reauthorization: Senate Activity

- No full reauthorization but a more targeted effort still possible
- Elements of MSA that may have a chance to pass this year...
- <u>LIKELY</u>: Fishery Disaster Reform: S.2923, *The Fishery Resources Disaster Improvement Act* passed the Senate 9/30/21; amended by HNR Committee early 2022; staff negotiations continue
- <u>LESS LIKELY</u>: Forage Fish Conservation Act: H.R. 5770 (10/28/21; Rep. Dingell, D-MI-12<sup>th</sup>); also in H.R. 4690; subject of House hearing on 11/16/21. S.1484 (4/29/21; Sen. Blumenthal, D-CT); no committee action to date



#### Other bills with a chance...

- *Drift Net Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act*: S.273 passed Senate with AK halibut RQE provision included (9/14/21); H.R. 404 has not yet moved
- Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act: S.1106 passed Senate (6/8/21); H.R. 2811 not moved through Committee
- Both these bills were added to the House COMPETES Act (H.R. 4521/3360) & Senate U.S. Innovation & Competitiveness Act ("USICA", S/1260/S.1372) negotiations which became the semiconductor "CHIPS & Science" bill (H.R.4346); fish provisions removed, ocean acidification research included; "CHIPS" bill passes Congress 7/29/22
- *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* (S.2372 passed committee 4/27/22); H.R. 2773 passed House (6/14/22); substantial \$\$ to State fish & wildlife agencies
- Don Young's Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act (H.R. 6651 passed House 4/26/22);
   S.3429 moved by Senate Commerce (5/11/22)
- NOAA Chief Scientist Act (H.R. 3952); passed the House (7/26/22)

## American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act (S.497/H.R.3128)

- Became P.L 117-121 on 5/12/22 with strong AK support
- Reforms the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program
- What it does: creates a 22-member stakeholder committee; replaces "seafood industry" with "fishing community"; adds recreational fishing elements
- What it does not do: effect the 30% transfer to NOAA from annual customs duties on certain imported products; or the % of the transfer NOAA provides to the program
- 8/10/22: NOAA opens application period to 9/24/22 (NOAA contact: laura.diederick@noaa.gov ); 87 FR 48650



#### **NOAA**

- 11/2021: RFMC voting recusal rule final; regional implementation handbooks currently under construction
- 12/21/21: Six Tribal orgs file emergency petition to close 2022 AK Pollock fishery & set chum hard cap; rejected by the Secretary; 1/25/22
- 1/2022: Roundtables on *National Strategy for US Seafood Resilience & Competitiveness*; NOAA efforts ongoing
- 2/2022: Five national "listening sessions" on Next Generation Data Acquisition Plan ("NG-DAP")
- 4/22/22: Seven Draft Climate Regional Action Plans (CRAPs) out for comment; part of 2015 National Climate Science Strategy (NCSS)
- 5/4/22: 1st Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy
- 5/9/22: Fisheries Priorities & Annual Guidance for 2022
- 5/12/22: 2020 Fisheries of the U.S. & 2021 Status of the Stocks
- 7/22/22: Mitigation Policy for Trust Resources (NAO 216-123)



### Aquaculture

- 2013 PSMFC Resolution III supports State opt in/out provision for time, area, species or gear throughout EEZ
- AK Rep. Don Young's H.R. 274 the "*Keep Fin Fish Free Act*" to prohibit permitting of fish farms in the EEZ until authorized by Congress; no action
- NOAA solicits comments on 2 Draft Aquaculture Regulatory plans: Strategic Plan to Enhance Regulatory Efficiencies & Plan for Federal Aquaculture Research (9/16/21)
- Sen. Wicker (R-MISS)/Rep. Palazzo (R-4<sup>th</sup>-MISS) reintroduce revised *Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act* ("AQUAA" Act); S.3100/H.R. 6258; no committee action & no State opt in/out provision
- NOAA issues AOA Atlas for So. Cal Bight; Tech Memo NOS NCCOS; So. Cal selected as 1<sup>st</sup> AOA (5/23/22); PEIS next step
- 3/3/22: Comment period on draft outline of Strategic Plan for Aquaculture
- July 2022: The anti-aquaculture Don't Cage Our Ocean Coalition joins Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) on national legislation to process seafood in socially disadvantaged communities

#### "30x30"

- 1/27/21: Climate Crisis EO 14008 Sec. 216(a) requires "conserving at least 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030" (a.k.a. "30x30")
- 5/6/21: Administration publishes "Conserving and Restoring American the Beautiful" Report (ATB)
- 10/29/21: NOAA opens comments on ATB & "30x30" (86 FR 59996); Nat'l "listening session" (11/8/21)
- 1/4/22: DOI requests information on Federal Interagency Work Group efforts to develop the "American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas" (87 FR 235); Final Atlas expected late 2022
- 5/19/22: RFMC/CCC define "conservation area"; create model estimating ~ 54% of EEZ already "conserved"; CCC presents draft findings to CEQ, NOS, etc. (6/27/22)

### Monuments/Sanctuaries

- 10/8/21: President Biden reinstates prohibition on all commercial fishing in the NE Canyons Marine Monument; access reinstated by President Trump (June 2020); President Obama prohibited all commercial fishing in 2016 designation
- 11/10/21: NOAA ONMS issues NOI to review CA Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary; 1,200 comments by 1/31/22
- 12/21/21: "PRIME" (*Heart of the Ocean*) Sanctuary petition to Commerce from Aleut Tribes on St. Paul & St. George Isles for a 100-mi "co-managed" area; controversial boundaries in flux & St. George withdraws support
- 1/24/22: NOAA's ONMS reviews "PRIME" request (79 FR 33851)
- 6/8/22: "PRIME" sanctuary successfully added to the NMS inventory for possible future designation (87 FR 34851)
- 8/5/22: USPS issues 16 National Marine Sanctuary Forever Stamps





- P.L. 115-282 (12/2018) incl. Title IX the *Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA)* which addressed discharges incidental to normal vessel operations. [PSMFC Resolution from 2009]
- EPA to create national ballast water management standards, incl. on commercial fishing vessels w/in 2-yrs; ballast water is any liquid, carried in any manner, that may affect stability
- EPA published a PR in October 2020 which contained a clarification: "Fresh water, sea water, or ice carried onboard a vessel for food safety and product quality purposes is not considered ballast water and, as such, would not be subject to the ballast water requirements in the proposed rule."
- October 2021 EPA/USCG convenes national ballast water "listening session"; Final Rule expected this year

#### **EPA/USCG**

• 1/20/21 Biden EO 13990 on climate crisis required EPA review Trump-era "WOTUS" (Waters of the US) definition/rule; EPA discontinued the 2019 Trump rule, opting to the pre-2015 Obama-era rule until further notice (9/3/21)



- 2/2/22: EPA PR on WOTUS definition of waters protected under the CWA (86 FR 69372)
- ANPRM on use of electronic charts (87 FR 17241); John Stone, ph 202-372-1093; john.m.stone2@uscg.mil
- Pacific Coast Port Access Route Study (PAC-PARS) initiated for vessel traffic off WA/OR/CA; questions to <u>pacpars@uscg.mil</u> and <u>Sara.E.Conrad@uscg.mil</u>
- DHS/USCG evaluating Alaskan Arctic Coast Port Access Route; questions to Michael.D.Newell@uscg.mil



- 9/13/21: WA Rep. Larsen (D-2<sup>nd</sup>) amends 2021 USCG/NDAA with MMPA amendment to enhance protections for large whales; stripped from final bill in December 2021
- Spring 2022: Rep. Larsen reintroduces amendment for 2022 USCG reauthorization bill (H.R.6865)
- 3/17/22: House WOW Subcommittee hearing; NOAA, Rep. Larsen & ROMEA's Rick Marks testify
- Rep. Larsen amends H.R. 6865; passed the House (3/29/22) and attached to House 2022 NDAA
- 2022 outcome pending...Senate is yet to publish 2022 USCG & NDAA legislation, to be followed by a conference process
- 2019 D/V Conception accident: Congress passed Small Passenger Vessel Safety Act (2021); introduces S.2805/H.R.5329 to reform maritime liability; USCG publishes interim FR effective 3/28/22 to improve watch keeping, fire detection, training, egress, construction & hazardous items (86 FR 73160); House USCG field hearing in Santa Barbara on implementation of new rules (3/21/22)

#### Divine Wind #1

- 1/27/21 EO 14008 *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad* ends federal fuel subsidies, halts offshore leasing on public lands and offshore waters; calls for a doubling of offshore wind energy by 2030
- 3/29/21 Executive Action *To Jumpstart Rapid Wind Energy Development* specifically calls for "30 gigawatts (GW) of new offshore wind energy power generation by 2030"
- 7/15/21 BOEM approves Vineyard Wind permit off NE
- 8/25/21: Nantucket RI citizen's group "ACK-RATS' sues NOAA/BOEM over Vineyard Wind
- 11/22/21 BOEM requests initial comments on wind impacts to fisheries
- 12/15/21 Six East Coast commercial fishing companies file suit against Vineyard Wind



#### Divine Wind #2

- 1/12/22 NOAA/BOEM MOU to "Responsibly Advance Offshore Wind Energy"
- 1/31/22 East Coast commercial fishing association files against Vineyard Wind
- 2/7/22 BOEM announces "Multi-Agency Approach to Enhance Existing Protection Efforts for Endangered North Atlantic Right Whales"
- 3/22/22 NOAA/BOEM publish initial "Draft Federal Survey Mitigation Strategy"
- 3/29/22: House USCG bill (H.R. 6865) passes; requires boats installing wind turbines have a U.S. crew or the crew of the Nation under which the vessel is flagged -- wind energy lobby calls this an "existential threat"
- 5/10/22 OR commercial fishing industry rally in Coos Bay
- 5/13/22 DOI announces no court-ordered O & G lease sales off Alaska & GOMEX
- 6/21/22 Letters to DOI from OR & WA Members citing industry concerns
- 6/23/22 Administration Launches New "Federal-State Offshore Wind Partnership to Govern America-Made Clean Energy"



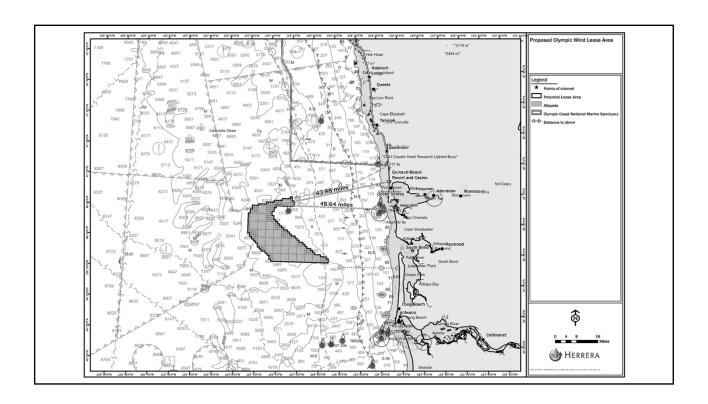
#### Divine Wind #3

- 6/23/22 BOEM releases DRAFT "Fisheries Mitigation Guidance" for 30-day public comment period (ended 8/22); convenes 4 stakeholder webinars
- 7/21/22: DE Riverkeepers Network files 60-day NOI to sue BOEM/NOAA over <u>shore-side</u> wind infrastructure site and failure to protect ESA-listed sturgeon
- 7/22/22 Senate Energy & Nat Res Cmte passes bipartisan bill *The Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies & Ecosystems Act* ("RISEE"); creates a national offshore wind energy revenue sharing agreement; 37.5% of revenues from offshore wind construction to coastal States adjacent to wind fields for coastal protection & resiliency; House rumor 50% revenue share!
- 8/4/22 SBA's Office of Advocacy convenes national commercial fishing industry roundtable on BOEM's "Fisheries Mitigation Guidance"

#### Divine Wind #4

- CA: May 2022: BOEM Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) and solicited comments for both Humboldt & Morro Bay WEA's; EA "FONSI" issued for Humboldt (4/20/22); Announces auction details/lease terms for both WEA's (5/26/22); BOEM/CA Interagency Task Force 5<sup>th</sup> mtg (6/3/22); Final Sale Notices?
- OR: June 2022: BOEM takes 300 comments on call areas (87 FR 25529); decision on size of WEA's by end of 2022; PEIS process to follow
- WA: Prior "Grays Harbor Wind" ULR's 1.0 & 2.0 fail; Ver. 3.0 "Olympic Wind" (a.k.a. Trident Winds) ULR submitted 3/28/22 for a 291 sq. mi. area 45 mi. offshore; July rumor...second ULR submitted by Hecate Wind inshore of Olympic Wind area





## Divine Wind by the Numbers

- 30 gigawatts (GW) by 2030; powers ~ 18M homes
- 30 GW requires ~ 12,000 30,000 turbines
- 14.2 GW = record land-based US wind energy production (2020)
- 70,800 land based turbines
- US turbines kill ~ 1.17M birds & "tens to hundreds of thousands of bats" each year (USGS)
- 1.26M turbines = U.S. carbon neutrality
- $\geq$  9 mph wind speed required
- 80 gals fossil fuel oil per turbine per year; 30 GW = 2.4M gals oil per year

- 20yrs = average lifespan of a turbine blade before landfilling
- Dominion's "Charybdis": 1st Jones Act-qualified turbine installation vessel; 472-ft long; \$500M cost; headed first to the East Coast
- OR law (HB2021) requires electricity GHG reductions: 80% by 2030; 90% by 2035; 100% by 2040; WA neutral by 2045
- OR's 2 call areas = 3,759 sq. mi; ~ 25% of Pacific whiting harvest from these areas
- 1,300 m = depth offshore OR's Sen.
   Wyden/Rep. DeFazio want to push wind fields
   = 41- 47 mi offshore

#### IUU, SIMP, AIS & Subsidies...#1

- 2014: Presidential Task Force on IUU Fishing & Seafood Fraud
- 3/2/15: USCG requires Class-B Automated Identification Systems (AIS) on U.S. fishing boats ≥65-ft <300 GRT; out to 12 mi (*for vessel safety, not IUU*)
- 11/5/15: Congress passes *IUU Fishing Enforcement Act* (P.L. 114-81)
- 2016-2017: Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP) development
- 1/1/2018: NOAA implements SIMP on 13 import species/species groups
- 5/11/21: Chairman Huffman intro's *Illegal Fishing and Forced Labor Prevention Act* (H.R.3075); expands SIMP data elements; expands SIMP to entire domestic seafood supply; expands AIS to all U.S. fishing boats >50-ft throughout entire EEZ, makes vessel-specific track data more publically available; opens new focus on labor issues
- 2/13/22: NOAA's 1<sup>st</sup> Report to Congress on SIMP implementation ~ 23 cases resulting in penalties; SIMP is... "significantly reducing illegal fishing"
- 4/14/22: NOAA seeks comment on nations/entities engaged in IUU activities; (87 FR 22194); comments to 12/31/22
- May 2022: Rep. Huffman adds H.R. 3075 to the House *America Competes Act* (H.R. 4521); Senate companion *U.S. Innovation & Competitiveness Act* ("USICA"; S.1260) does not have SIMP/AIS



#### IUU, SIMP, AIS & Subsidies...#2

- 5/22/22: House Democrats pen letter to U.S. Trade Rep urging support of IUU Fisheries Subsidy Agreement ahead of June 17<sup>th</sup> WTO mtg
- 6/17/22: WTO reaches agreement (with U.S. support) for a "2022 Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies"
- 6/22/22: Pres. Biden signs WH Memorandum titled *Combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing and Associated Labor Abuses*; memo contains sections on labor & fisheries subsidy reform
- 6/24/22: CRS publishes *In Focus* update on WTO subsidy agreement & implementation, noting NGO's want it to go further, and potential for executive & congressional actions
- US ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world for "subsidizing" commercial fishing activities \$3.4B per year (Sumaila et al., *Marine Policy*, vol. 109; Nov. 2019)
- What are some of the subsidies in question?
  - State/Federal diesel fuel tax exemptions; fishery disaster assistance; Fisheries Finance Program (FFP) loans; S-K grants, limited access privilege permits, programs that promote vessel construction and shore-side infrastructure improvements...etc.

#### IUU, SIMP, AIS & Subsidies...#3

- 7/20/22: NOAA's National *Call to Action: Ending Forced Labor and Promoting Decent Work in the Seafood Sector Summit;* releases the *Collaborative Accelerator for Lawful Maritime Conditions in Seafood* ("CALM-CS") to end illegal labor practices in the U.S. seafood supply chain, including on U.S. fishing vessels
- 7/25/22: NOAA ANPR on SIMP Import Procedures & Certification of Admissibility (87 FR 44078); comments to 8/24/22
- 7/29/22: Congress passes "Chips & Science Act" (H.R. 4346); a blending of the House America Competes & Senate U.S. Competitiveness bills; "Chips" devoid of SIMP, AIS & other fish provisions
- 8/4/22: Sens. Sullivan (R-AK) & Whitehouse (D-RI) intro the IUU "FISH" Act; Fishing Foreign Illegal Seafood Harvests Act of 2022
- 8/8/22: West Coast Sens. Merkley, Feinstein, Padilla et al. call on FDA to enhance IUU/SIMP/seafood traceability





# Protected, Endangered, Threatened Species "PETS" #1

#### **BRING ON THE OTTERS!**

- FY21 Appropriations Conference Report instructs the USFWS report on feasibility & cost of reestablishing sea otters on the Pacific Coast of the contiguous U.S.
- August 5, 2021 a broad coalition of West Coast industry stakeholders submit extensive comments to USFWS
- PSMFC 2021 Resolution supporting a fair balanced comprehensive report
- July 5, 2022 USFWS Final Report: Service concludes reintroduction in northern CA and OR would provide substantial benefits to the species as well as substantial biological/ecological benefits in restoring/enhancing ecosystem function, biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and resilience to the effects of climate change
- Report contains no specific proposal or timeline but includes a series of detailed recommendations for next steps...



## "PETS" #2 USFWS Sea Otter Recommendations

- Structured decision-making workshops to explore options with acceptable risk and likelihood of success
- Develop criteria for site selection & evaluation, incl. socioeconomic & biological information
- Initiate a targeted socioeconomic impact study, incl. ecosystem services & nonmonetary values
- Develop plans for pilot studies incl. small-scale experimental reintroductions to assess viability of using surrogate-reared southern otter pups or wild otters
- Integrate models for CA & OR to forecast interactions between reintroduced populations
- **NEXT STEPS**...Proponents expected to lobby Congress in 2022 for FY23 funding to initiate action on recommendations
- 7/18/22: CA fishing industry groups file NOI to sue USFWS over failure to rule on 2/3/21 petition to delist Southern Sea Otter



#### "PETS" #3

- Status of Makah Tribe's 2005 MMPA waiver application to resume treaty-reserved whaling on ENP gray whales
  - 9/23/21 ALJ R. Jordan issues Recommended Decision in support of Makah whaling
  - 9/29/21 NOAA publishes request for comments on ALJ decision (86 FR 53949)
  - 7/1/22 NOAA publishes Availability of Supplemental Draft EIS; (87 FR 39517); comments due 10/14/22; Final SEIS expected in early 2023
  - For 2023...final decision by NMFS AA...permit, regulations, incidental take statement, co-management agreement, etc.



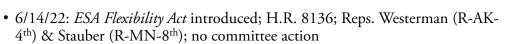
- 7/12/22 NOAA announces NGO petition to revise NP Right Whale CH has merit; (87 FR 41271); comments due 9/12/22
- 7/20/22: NOAA proposes revisions to "Process for Distinguishing Serious from Non-Serious Injury of Marine Mammals"; Procedural Directive NMFS PD 02-038-01 (2012)
- Final MMPA 2022 List of Fisheries (4/19/22; 87 FR 23122)
- Final 2021 MMPA SARs (8/3/22; 87 FR 47385)

#### "PETS" #4

- 1/5/22: NOAA/USACE sign national MOA: how agencies will evaluate impacts of "existing overwater structures" in ESA Sec. 7 consultations
- 4/12/22: MMC national webinar titled "Federal Agency Approaches to Reducing Vessel Strikes of Cetaceans"
- 6/1-2/22; NOAA workshop on Marine Mammal Deterrents
- 7/8/22: Federal Court rules in favor of CBD, CLF & Defenders of Wildlife finding NOAA failed to protect NA Right Whales from New England lobster gear
- 7/29/22: NOAA proposes changes to existing vessel area/speed regulations (87 FR 4691); releases Draft "Ropeless Roadmap: A Strategy to Develop On-Demand Fishing"
- West Coast D-Crab: NOAA's March 2022 entanglement report shows 2021 takes reduced from peak (2015-2018); States continue NEPA analyses, regulations, conservation plans, work with advisory groups

#### "PETS" #5

- NOAA issues reports: *Large Whale Entanglements Confirmed in U.S.* (for 2019 & 2020); 6/28/22
- Trump Administration rules (effective 9/26/19) to improve ESA regulatory processes under review by the Biden Administration
  - 84 FR 45020: Listing & Designating CH (Sec. 4)
  - <u>84 FR 44753</u>: Prohibitions to Threatened Species (4(d))
  - 84 FR 44976: Interagency Cooperation (Sec. 7)
- 10/26/21: House Republicans introduce 5 ESA bills to codify all Trump-era ESA regulatory changes



• 7/22/22: Trump CH rule (Sec. 4) rescinded (87 FR 43433)



## PSMFC "Grab Bag" #1

- Success Reported in Efforts to Restock White Sea Bass off So. Cal.: C.Jennewein (4/29/22)
- BOEM's Battle of the Atlantic The First Complete Inventory of WWII Shipwrecks off NC; See <a href="https://espis.boem.gov/finalreports/BOEM\_2021-076.pdf">https://espis.boem.gov/finalreports/BOEM\_2021-076.pdf</a>
- NOAA proposes halibut catch share plan for Area 2A (7/26/22; 87 FR 44318); comments to 8/25/22
- Scientist examine Gulf of AK seafloor to see effects of bottom trawling (6/7/22; K.Dobroth/KMXT)
- Proceedings of the NAS publishes Global study on the impacts of bottom trawling (1/11/22)
- AK Gov. Dunleavy forms "Bycatch Review Task Force" (11/16/21)
- House Select Committee Climate Crisis field hearing; Astoria, OR (8/3/22)



## PSMFC "Grab Bag" #2

- CEQ revises regs for Phase I of NEPA implementation to rescind Trump-era rules; Phase II underway; see <a href="https://ceq.doe.gov/">https://ceq.doe.gov/</a>
- 8/5/22: Sen. Wicker/Rep. Salazar intro *Youth Coastal Fishing Program Act* for disadvantaged youth
- USFWS initiates new EIS for Barred Owl removals n WA/OR/CA (87 Fr 43886; 7/22/22)
- USFWS ANPR on compensatory mitigation mechanisms; 87 FR 45076 (7/27/22, comments to 9/26/22)
- 2/10/22: Court reverses 2020 USFWS rule delisting gray wolf; species again ESA listed as threatened
- CCC mtgs: 1/18/22 on MSA-ESA Sec. 7 coordination; May regular; 8/16/22 on harassment prevention; next October 18-19, Washington, DC





## Rick's Summer Reading Tips!

<u>Band of Brothers</u> Stephen E. Ambrose (1992)

<u>"Band of Brothers"</u> HBO Miniseries (2001)

<u>Beyond Band Of Brothers: The War Memoirs</u> <u>of Major Dick Winters</u> Major Dick Winters with Colonel Cole C. Kingseed (2006)

Conversations With Dick Winters: <u>Life Lessons From The Commander</u> <u>Of The Band of Brothers</u> Colonel Cole C. Kingseed (2014)



#### AND YOU HEARD IT HERE...

Women Rescued After Falling Into Outhouse Toilet To Get Phone: AP (4/22/22)



- Right Whale Endangered Species Condoms Issued for World Ocean Day, MMPA Anniversary: CBD(6/6/22)
- Wild Aggressive Turkey Terrorizes Nation's Capital, Slips Across State Line into Maryland: Odd News (5/2/22)
- Last Salem 'Witch' Pardoned 329 Years After Massachusetts Students Become Involved: Odd News (5/27/22)

- Loch Ness Monster May Just Be Whale Penis: D.Moye (4/13/22)
- Dolphins Recognize Each Other By Tasting One Another's Urine: Weird News (5/23/22)
- Polish Institute Classifies Cats as Alien Invasive Species: V.Gera/KREM2 (6/26/22)
- Archeologists Believe They've Discovered the Tomb of Santa Claus: K.Serena/ATI (1/4/22)
- Tamworth Distilling, An Innovative NH Producer of Spirits, is Behind the Crab Trapper Bourbon Infused with Invasive Green Crabs: C.Passy, WSJ (6/28/22)



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