

WASHINGTON STATE COMPULSORY PILOTAGE BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

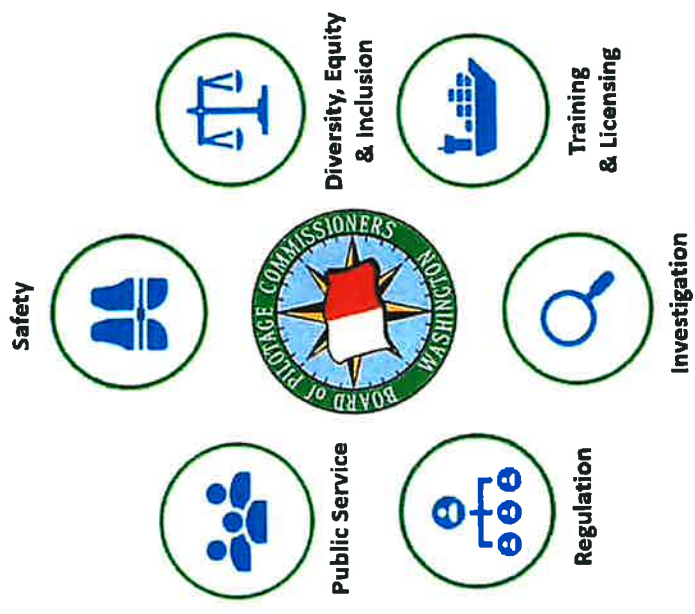
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 14, 2023

SHERI TONN, CHAIR
JAIMIE BEVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS (BPC)

- Washington State Regulatory Agency – Created by 1935 Legislature
- Statutory Authority – RCW Chapter 88.16, Pilotage Act
- Nine Member Board, plus 3 staff
- Six Major Programs
 - Safety, DEI, Training/Licensing, Investigation Regulation, and Public Service



WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS



BPC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**Captain
Sandy
Bendixen**

Puget Sound
Pilots

Pilot
Representative



**Captain
Andrew
Drennen**

Polar
Tankers

U.S. Flag
Shipping
Representative



**Nhi
Irwin**

Department
of Ecology

Ecology
Designee



**Captain
Jason
Hamilton
(Retired USCG)**

Public
Representative



**Dr. Sheri
Tonn**

Chair

WSF
Designee



**Timothy J.
Farrell**

Public
Representative



**Dr. Eleanor
Kirtley**

Green Marine
Vice Chair

Marine Envir.
Representative



**Captain
Mike
Ross**

Westwood
Shipping Lines

Foreign Flag
Shipping
Representative



**Captain
Mike
Anthony**

Puget Sound
Pilots

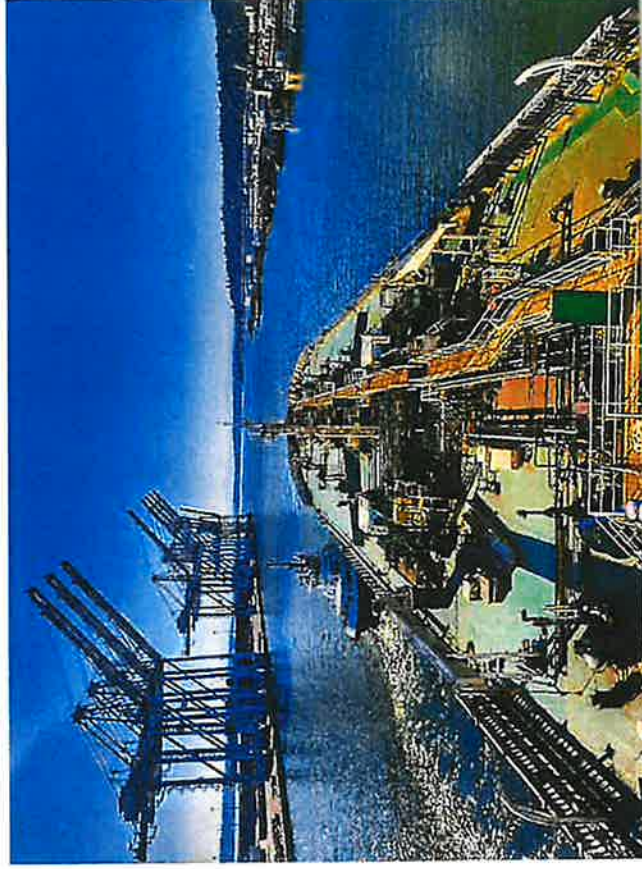
Pilot
Representative

BPC VISION, MISSION, & VALUES



Our Vision

**Safe and efficient passage of
foreign flag cargo, passenger,
recreational vessels, and all oil
tankers through Washington
state's inland waters**



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BPC VISION, MISSION, & VALUES



Our Mission

Ensure against the loss of lives, loss of or damage to property and vessels, and to protect the marine environment by maintaining efficient and competent compulsory pilotage services in Washington state; and to not place in jeopardy Washington's position as an able competitor of waterborne commerce from other ports and nations of the world, but rather to continue to develop and encourage such commerce

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Our Values

- Transportation Safety
- Environmental Stewardship
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,
- Integrity & Transparency



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MARITIME PILOTS



- High-level maritime professionals
- Local knowledge experts
- First line of safety
- Required on all tankers and foreign flagged vessels

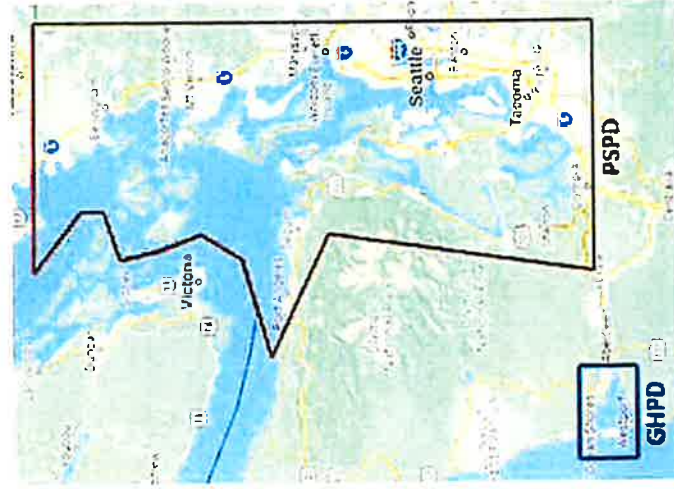


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WASHINGTON STATE'S PILOTAGE DISTRICTS



- **Puget Sound**
 - *Serviced by Puget Sound Pilots (PSP)*
 - *56 State authorized licenses*
- **Grays Harbor**
 - *Serviced by the Port of Grays Harbor (PGH)*
 - *3 State authorized licenses*



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ROLES



BPC

- Regulatory oversight/adherence to Pilotage Act and Pilot Rules
- Exam, Training, & Licensing
- Report and investigate incidents – lessons learned for continuous improvement
- Grant pilotage exemptions to qualifying vessels
- Set number of pilots

Puget Sound Pilots/Port of GH

- Provide pilotage service
 - Safely and independently pilot vessels
 - Dispatch
 - Pilot boat operation
- Administer benefits and retirement packages
- Tariff billing and revenue collection
- Continuing education

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PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM



- \$8,000 monthly training stipend
- 15–24-month average duration (36 Max)
- 24 charts for federal pilotage endorsements in Puget Sound
- Training matrix including Observation, Training, and Evaluation (300+ requirements)
- Regular Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) and Board review of each trainee



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PILOTAGE PIPELINE




Qualification – 20 years experience

Successful Completion of Exam Process

Wait List – No more than 4 years

Successful Completion of Training Program – 36 month max

Federal Pilotage – 24 charts

Washington State Licensure

AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME FROM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TO PILOTAGE = 25 YEARS

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DIVERSITY IN STATE PILOTAGE

- Global Maritime Workforce 2% women
- 24 state pilotage districts in the U.S.
 - ≈ 1,200 pilots nationally
 - ≈ 50 women pilots = 4.2%
- Masters Credentials = 2.3%
(4,729 / 210,000)
- Unlimited Tonnage Masters Credentials = .07%
(149 / 210,000)

Retired San Francisco Bar pilot Captain Nancy Wagner, the first woman maritime pilot in the U.S.



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DIVERSITY IN STATE PILOTAGE



- **West Coast**
 - WA State – 1 woman pilot, 0 in training
 - Next Exam – Spring 2024
 - Oregon – 0 women pilots, 0 in training
 - Alaska – 3 women pilots, 2 deputy pilots, 2 in training (as of Nov 2022)
 - California – 0 women pilots, 0 in training
 - B.C. Canada – 0 women pilots, 0 in training



Puget Sound Pilot Captain Sandy Bendixen, the first woman maritime pilot in Washington state, licensed in 2018.

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION



- Puget Sound Pilots
 - First pilot association maternity leave policy in the U.S.
 - Outreach Committee
- BPC Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEIC)
 - BPC Membership
- Ferries Division Diversity Advisory Group (WSF DAG)
 - BPC Membership



Attendees of Cal Maritime Academy's 2023 Women in Maritime Leadership conference demonstrating #EmbraceEquity. BPC sponsored, attended, and presented at the conference along with Puget Sound Pilots.

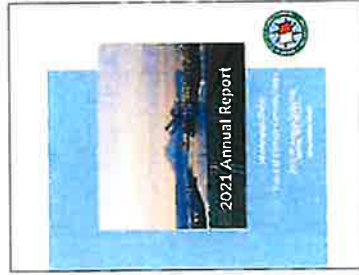
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