

WA State Board of Pilotage Commissioners

Industry Update: March 16, 2023 BPC Meeting

Vessel Arrivals February 2023 YTD

Container Arrivals Still Low – Annualized Rate Lowest On Record

✚ Containers down 10	✚ Car Carriers up 12
✚ Bulkers down 17	✚ Tankers down 8
✚ General down 1	✚ ATB's – no change
✚ RoRo down 5	✚ Passenger down 1

Note: Overall arrivals down YTD and markedly down in February. Container Sector arrivals are down significantly. The peak was 1,386 arrivals – current annualized rate now less than 650.

Quiet Sound and ECHO and Orca Protection Bill

PMSA continues to work with both groups (on QS leadership team) to provide feedback to ocean carriers on the results of recent slowdowns and to improve communications, education and participation rates when schedules, safety and port call dynamics allow.

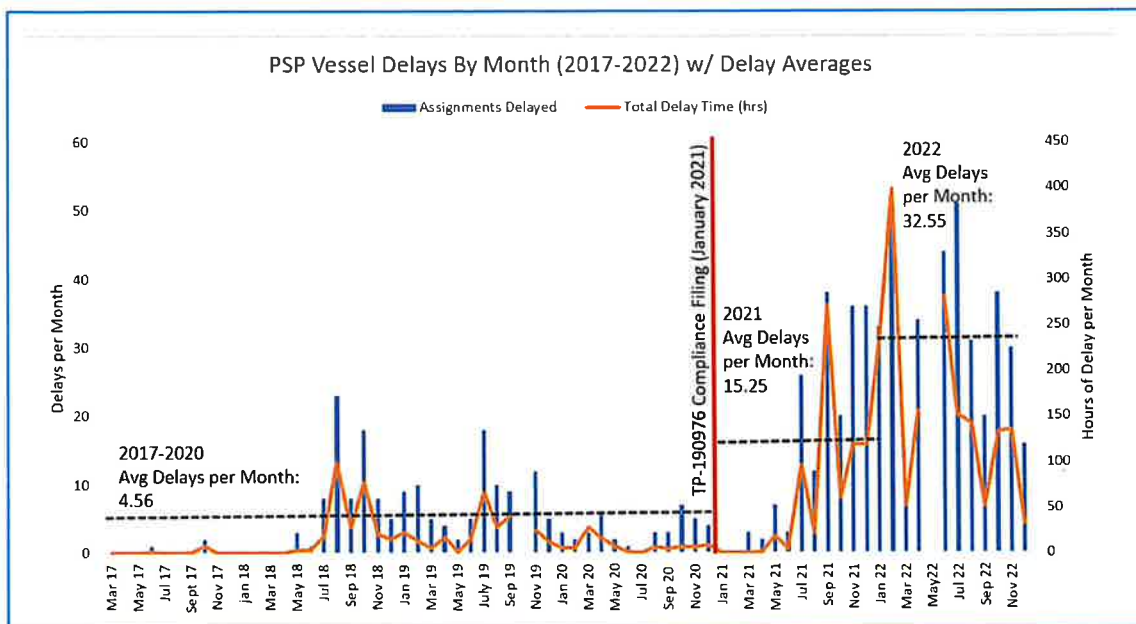
Orca Protection Bill

A Senate bill is advancing (cutoff March 8) seeks to decrease impacts of vessels. PMSA sought, and the Chair agreed to sponsor an amendment clarifying exempted vessels to include those in traffic scheme, following VTS/COTP, Rules of the Road and departing/entering lanes to/from destination.

Pilot Service Supply, Demand, Delays

(Repeated as issues still exist)

See prior industry updates, briefings, letters to the BPC regarding efficiencies/inefficiencies. Specifically, please see PMSA letter dated Jan 19, 2022 sent to Chair Tonn & BPC and this:



Recall the Special to the Times article of February 7th by Jordan Royer titled
To keep WA competitive, lawmakers must invest in our ports

On a related note, see this chart put together by PMSA – it sums up the bottom line on the container gateway competitiveness and unfortunately the NWSA is still below the peak of 2006.

Correction - The Title should read from 2006 – 2022.

