

Public Comments by Case

Total Comments: 12

In Favor: 7

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	Kierstin Del Valle Lachtman, Liberian Shipowners' Council Ltd.	Email	***See attachment***
	Brian Beall, CLIA	Email	***See attachment***
	Captain Rik Krombeen, Holland Americal Line	Email	***See attachment***
Undecided			
	John Wolfe, Northwest Seaport Allicance	Email	***See attachment***
	Scott Sevall	Email	***See attachment***
Yes			
	Lovel Pratt, Friends of the San Juans	Email	***See attachment***

	Jay Manning, Cascadia Policy Solutions	Email	***See attachment***
	Capt. Ryan Leo, Grays Harbor Bar Pilots	Email	<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>I am a Grays Harbor Bar Pilot and I am writing in regards to the Puget Sound Pilot tariff. Having taken the Washington State Pilotage Exam in April 2021 with the aspirations of becoming a Puget Sound Pilot, I feel it is important that the Commissioners understand why I chose to pursue my pilotage career elsewhere.</p> <p>Although I passed the exam and was excited to train in the Puget Sound, I nonetheless decided to pursue my pilotage career in Grays Harbor. While not my first choice, I eventually chose to become a Grays Harbor pilot because the compensation and benefits were better, the training program was shorter, and there are work/life benefits at Grays Harbor for licensed pilots.</p> <p>As a containership captain, I had transited the Puget Sound many times, and had long aspired to pilot on those waters. However, after serious consideration I came to the conclusion that the financial impacts, both long and short term, of leaving my job as a containership captain and pursuing pilotage in the Puget Sound were too great.</p> <p>I believe that Puget Sound Pilots will continue to have difficulty attracting professional mariners and retaining pilotage talent as long as the compensation and benefits for the district are below the national average, particularly given the high cost of living in the Puget Sound area.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p> <p>Capt. Ryan Leo Grays Harbor Bar Pilots RLeo@portgrays.org (516)712-5468</p>
	Rein Atteman (18 signees)	Email	***See attachment***

	Mia Mlekarov, Maritime High School	Email	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of Puget Sound Pilots regarding their strong commitment to mentorship, workforce development, equity and inclusion in the maritime industry.</p> <p>I am a longtime teacher in the Highline School District, one of the most racially, linguistically, and socioeconomically diverse districts in Washington state. I currently teach at Maritime High School, where our goals and vision are to introduce students to the world of maritime here in our region and connect them to rewarding career pathways.</p> <p>In my work as a Career Connected Learning teacher, the Pilots have been indispensable. It's not just one or two pilots, either—no fewer than a dozen Pilots have engaged directly or indirectly in supporting learning experiences for my students. Working around what are by all accounts challenging schedules, Pilots find a way to come to campus as guest speakers, participate in our monthly Mentoring program, attend student presentations of learning and provide meaningful feedback on student work, and give input to our teachers on curriculum development relating to vessel operations, navigation, and policy, just to name a few.</p> <p>Through all these efforts, Puget Sound Pilots are forming relationships and inspiring the next generation of mariners here in our state, who will one day also work to keep our beautiful waters safe, healthy, and spill-free just like the Pilots do today.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mia Mlekarov Teacher / Career Connected Learning Des Moines, WA</p>
	Capt. John J. Malone, Schuyler Line Navigation	Email	***See attachment***

Vineeta Dhillon	Web	<p>Docket - Docket 220513</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>Cal Maritime hosted its 12th conference in the advancement of women’s success and leadership in maritime and related fields. Our cadets and those from maritime academies across the country receive an opportunity to learn from the experienced change-makers who speak at the conference.</p> <p>Our conference strives to provide actionable guidance to our emerging leaders and creates space for our seasoned professionals to grow, transform and lead in their careers.</p> <p>This conference would not be possible without the support of our partners and sponsors. Mostly, sponsorships are measured in dollars that underwrite the registration cost of the cadets who attend the event. However, it is the partnerships we build along the way that truly matter.</p> <p>Our partners, like Puget Sound Pilots, have an impact that goes far beyond the essentials of running an event. PSP has been a strong partner for a few years. And in 2023, in addition to funding part of the conference, PSP brought talent to the table! This year, Captain Sandra Bendixen, spoke to conference attendees on “Know Your Power: Using Your Voice & Making It Heard.” The session was attended with standing room only.</p> <p>It was not just Captain Bendixen’s participation in the ’23 conference that is noteworthy of Puget Sound Pilot’s commitment but more significantly, it is the passion that she and Trevor Bozina expressed in a debrief, where PSP committed to bolstering their time commitment for 2024. It is their collective belief that meeting and engaging the cadets where they are – in the classroom, will positively impact the environment our future leaders will build and sustain within the industry. In preparation for 2024 conference, we will include a momentum and skill-building campaign in early Spring semester.</p> <p>I am confident that with continued help from Puget Sound Pilots, we will grow our community and transform our cadets into the future leaders and change-makers in the maritime industry.</p> <p>Vineeta Dhillon Women in Maritime Leadership Conference Chair Cal Maritime 707-718-0707</p>
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