

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 2015

Present:

Chairman: Harry Dudley

Commissioners: Alice Helker, Chuck Adams, Ned Kiley, Grant Stewart, Don Mayer, Ed Marmol

Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

David Grobschmit, Walt Tabler: Puget Sound Pilots

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Mary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor (*by telephone*)

Paul Tramm, Chad Coppin: USCG Sector Puget Sound

Fred Felleman: WAVE

Loren Lee: Public

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Alki Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Commissioner Alice Helker was welcomed as the new designee from the Department of Ecology to replace outgoing Commissioner Dale Jensen. Chairman Dudley read a letter of appreciation into the record for Dale's outstanding service to the Board.

Minutes. The January 15, 2015 Minutes stand approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and Consideration of *Statement of Policy Regarding Definition of Terms*. Chairman Dudley presented his first draft of the Statement of Policy containing the *Definition of Terms* presented last month by the P4 (PSP, PMSA, Ports of Tacoma & Seattle). This item is deferred to the next meeting for a joint presentation and discussion when representatives of the Ports are able to attend. The intended application of these terms will be clarified as well.

NEW BUSINESS**BPC Staff Report.**

- Governor Inslee appointed Ms. Sheri Tonn to the Board effective 2/18 to replace Elsie Hulsizer as the Environmental Representative. She is affiliated with Citizens for a Healthy Bay.
- Captain Jonathan Ward is currently taking his required familiarization trips in order to return to active piloting.
- Dates for the Regional Pilotage Authority Conference will be considered and circulated.
- Shawna Erickson was acknowledged for recently completing five years of service with the Board.
- Motion: Adams/Stewart – follow up with Dr. Troeh on his appointment to become a Board-Designated Physician in Aberdeen – Carried.
- Staff met recently with Eric Burnette, Executive Director of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, to exchange and compare current and future pilotage practices.
- Month-end spreadsheets of PS pilot data were distributed.

Discussion and Possible Resolution Concerning Setting the Number of Pilots in the Puget Sound Pilotage District as provided in WAC 363-116-065. Data and comments were offered by PMSA and PSP both showing statistics supporting a reduction in the number of pilots. The West Coast ports "slowdown", the shift in certain traffic trends, and the decrease in pilot workload are all factors pointing to a unanimous agreement to downsize. Motion: Kiley/Adams – reduce the number of licensed pilots from 54 to 53 effective upon the surrender of the next Puget Sound pilot's state license – Carried.

Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Program: Captain John Scragg. Captain John Scragg is nearing completion of his fifth license year. Motion: Mayer/Adams - approve the license upgrade program for Captain Scragg as drafted by the TEC with a minor modification - Carried.

Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:

Motor Yacht ZENITH – 135’, 475 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Aaron Steenbhom
Motion: Kiley/Adams - concur with Chair’s granting of a one-year exemption – Carried.

Motor Yacht SWEET HOPE 2 – 76’, 108 gt, United Kingdom registry, Captain G.T. Morgan-Harris
Motion: Kiley/Adams – grant a one-year exemption – Carried.

Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: STAR DIEPPE, 1-10-15

Outbound Olympia Channel	Vessel experienced engine control issues. Two pilot trainees were also on board.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Marmol/Adams File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: HYUNDAI GLOBAL, 1-18-15

North of Blake Island	Vessel appeared to be dragging anchor in strong winds. Port anchor windlass had issues. Position was stable and CG was informed.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Marmol/Adams File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Consideration of Proposed Public Comment from the Board Regarding: US Navy’s proposal to build a pier and support facilities for berthing seven submarine-escort vessels on Ediz Hook. PSP presented a video depiction of the three alternate sites proposed by the Navy for their Transit Protection System it intends to build on Ediz Hook, in Port Angeles. Public comments are due by 2/25. Chair Dudley will finalize the draft letter presented today stating the Board’s opposition to Alternative 1.

Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- The TEC met on February 17.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Surface, Lowe, Carstensen, Kelleher, Henderson, Furst and Rounds.
- Options for a Train-the-Trainer course are being considered.
- The committee reviewed the timing of the progression of Puget Sound trainees as it relates to pilot retirements and number of pilots.

Legislative/WAC Committee: Nothing reported.

Tariff Policy Committee: Motion: Kiley/Adams – disband the committee - Carried.

Exam Committee: The RFP has been published for solicitation of proposals to develop and administer the next pilot exam. An organizational meeting of the Committee, consisting of Don Mayer, Ed Marmol and Harry Dudley, will be held by phone in the next couple of weeks.

Activity Reports. Captain David Grobschmit, representing Puget Sound Pilots, and Captain Mike Moore, representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events.

Legislative Update – HB 1449, SB 5057, SB 5087, SB 5834 and SB 5686. Legislation this session affecting our agency is focused on “Oil Transportation Safety”. Chairman Dudley testified on HB 1449 at a hearing in the House Committee on Environment on February 3rd. SB 5686 is related to adjudicative proceedings involving a state agency that is also a party to the proceeding. BPC prepared fiscal notes on all of these bills and discussed briefly the status and elements of each.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports. Motion: Kiley/Adams - accept the physicians’ reports for Captains M.J. Shuler, D.E. Brusco and M.D. Wood for annual pilot license renewal; and Captain J.D. Henderson for annual trainee license renewal – Carried. Captain J.K. Ward remains unfit for duty since 9/8/14.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. The next regular meeting dates are set for March 12 and April 16, 2015, at 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle.

A CLOSED SESSION was called from 2:20 to 3:00 p.m. to discuss personnel evaluation issues relative to the training program. In attendance were Commissioners Dudley, Helker, Adams, Kiley, Stewart, Mayer and Marmol; Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson. Regular session was convened by the Chairman immediately following closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dudley adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

Alice E.D. Helker, Vice Chairman

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Absent

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Absent

Commissioner Elsie J. Hulsizer

Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

Commissioner Edmund Marmol