

# WASHINGTON STATE COMPULSORY PILOTAGE BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## 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, Investigator Regulation, and Public Service

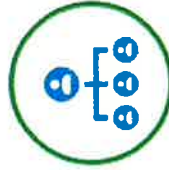
Safety



Public Service



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



Regulation












Training & Licensing



Investigation



# BPC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

								
<b>Captain Sandy Bendixen</b>	<b>Captain Andrew Drennen</b>	<b>Nhi Irwin</b>	<b>Captain Jason Hamilton</b> (Retired USCG)	<b>Dr. Sheri Tonn</b>	<b>Timothy J. Farrell</b>	<b>Dr. Eleanor Kirtley</b>	<b>Captain Mike Ross</b>	<b>Captain Mike Anthony</b>
Puget Sound Pilots	Polar Tankers	Department of Ecology	Public Representative	Chair	Public Representative	Green Marine Vice Chair	Westwood Shipping Lines	Puget Sound Pilots
Pilot Representative	U.S. Flag Shipping Representative	Ecology Designee	Public Representative	WSF Designee	Public Representative	Marine Envir. Representative	Foreign Flag Shipping Representative	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



## BPC VISION, MISSION, & VALUES



### Our Mission

Ensure again 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

## BPC VISION, MISSION, & VALUES



### Our Values

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



## MARITIME PILOTS



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



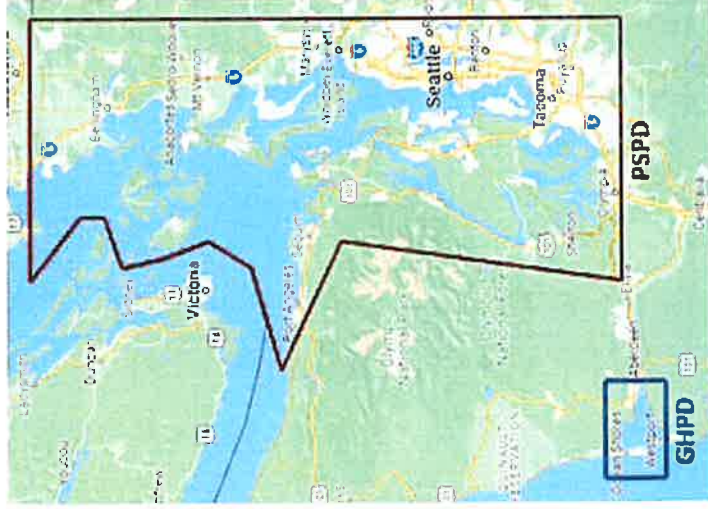
# WASHINGTON STATE'S PILOTAGE DISTRICTS



- **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**





# 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

## 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

## 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.*

## 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



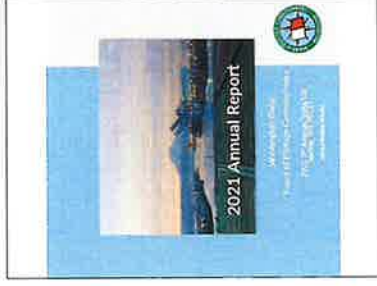
*Attendees of Cal Maritime Academy's 2023 Women in Maritime Leadership conference demonstrating #EmbraceEquity. BPC sponsored, attended, and presented at the conference along with Puget Sound Pilots.*



THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

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