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BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

Spring 2019

BPC Mission: to 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 pilotage service on our State's inland waters.

THE BPC PILOTAGE QUARTERLY

Announcements

Puget Sound Licensure!

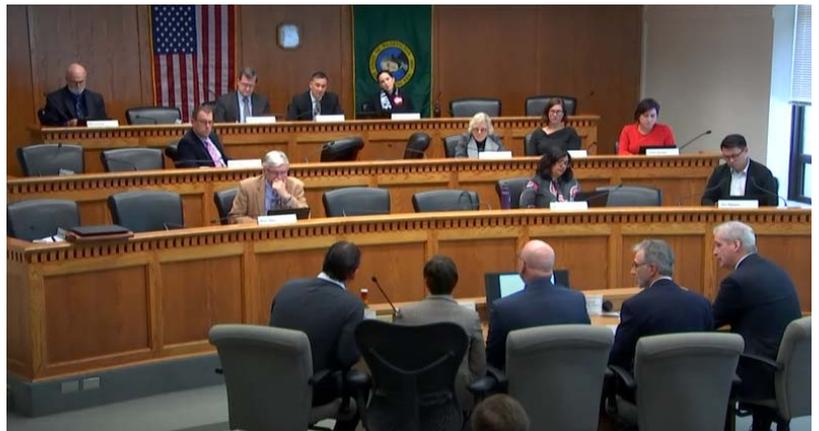
At the February 21, 2019 BPC meeting, Captain Ken Grieser received his state license to pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District.

Prior to the training program Captain Grieser was a Master with the Alaska Marine Highway System.



BPC Chair Sheri Tonn presents Captain Grieser with his state license during the February 21, 2019 Board meeting.

Senate Confirmations



BPC Commissioners testify before the Senate Transportation Committee. Photo courtesy of TVW.

On February 13, 2019, BPC Commissioners (pictured above from the left) Captain Rik Krombeen, Dr. Eleanor Kirtley, Captain Mike Anthony, Captain John Scragg and Timothy J. Farrell attended confirmation hearings in the Senate Transportation Committee. The Commissioners each introduced themselves and talked about their individual roles and aspirations on the Board. Committee Chair, Senator Steve Hobbs and Ranking Member, Senator Curtis King, as well as other committee members, were complimentary of the Commissioners and of the work the Board has done over the past couple of years. The Commissioners were confirmed in an Executive Session of the Senate Transportation Committee on February 27, 2019.

Legislative Update

In January and February, BPC Chair Sheri Tonn and Executive Director Jaimie Bever attended several meetings with legislators. They testified in legislative hearings to urge the passage of BPC Agency Request Legislation regarding pilot rest rules and joint self-insurance programs, as well as legislation concerning reducing threats to southern resident killer whales by improving the safety of oil transportation in partnership with the Governor's Office and the Department of Ecology.



From left: Sheri Tonn and Jaimie Bever drop Agency Request Legislation in the bill hopper after obtaining necessary sponsorship from legislators.

Women in Maritime Leadership



From left: SF Bar Pilot Andy Murray, Retired Columbia River Bar Pilot Deb Dempsey, Jaimie Bever, and SF Bar Pilot Dan Bridgeman talk with cadets about pilotage during a "drop-in" session.

BPC Executive Director Jaimie Bever attended the Women in Maritime Leadership Conference at California Maritime Academy March 15-16. The theme of the conference was *Transporting Women Farther*. Cadets from maritime academies all over the country were in attendance, as well as women leaders in the industry.

Attending these types of conferences helps keep pilotage on the radar of cadets, as well as provides opportunities to network and build relationships within the maritime community.

New Cranes Arrive at Port of Tacoma

The Port of Tacoma received 4 new cranes at Husky Terminal on March 5th. The *Zhen Hua 31*, piloted by Puget Sound Pilots, delivered the new cranes making headlines as it traveled through



Photo courtesy of The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Puget Sound. The Port received its first shipment of cranes in February 2018 aboard the *Zhen Hua 28*.

DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS



Puget Sound

Retirements:

Captain Gordy Wildes — 2/14/2019

Captain Mark Shuler — 1/31/2019

Thank you for your service to the Puget Sound and the State of Washington!

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

No pilot licenses were upgraded to Unlimited in January, February or March.

Licensure

Captain Ken Grieser — 2/21/2019

Congratulations, Captain Grieser!

Training Program:

Currently in training are Captains Keith Kridler, Travis McGrath, Pat Ninburg, Adam Seamans, David Melin, Matt Miller, Trevor Bozina, Pete Velarde, Joe Siddell, Matt Hannuksela, Neil McGourty and Severin Knutsen.

Captains Pat Ninburg and David Melin are transitioning to the Evaluation Phase of their programs.

Keep up the great work!



Captain Trevor Bozina trains during the February snowstorm that crippled much of the Puget Sound area.

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Captain Kaha'i Wodehouse began training in February 2019.

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