



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

STATEMENT OF POLICY

REGARDING: Development of Conning Quizzes under WAC 363-116-078 (4)

It is the policy of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners with regard to interpreting WAC 363-116-078 (4) that the Trainee Evaluation Committee be authorized to develop a Conning Quiz relative to the development of "such other forms of learning and instruction that may be designated".

The Conning Quiz will be developed with the approval of the Board and with the input from local subject matter experts and will be a learning quiz used to establish a pilot trainee's knowledge of the fundamental navigation information (basic passage planning) needed to conn a vessel under supervision of a licensed pilot.

Each Conning Quiz will be organized by main channel routes and ports and approaches and be connected with the routes and ports and approaches detailed in the Training Program.

The Conning Quiz is not intended to replace a Local Knowledge Examination as specified in WAC 363-116-078 (7), but there will be some overlap of subject matter.

A Pilot trainee who has not passed a Conning Quiz on a route or for a harbor area will not be able to move from the Observation phase to the Training phase of his/her Training Program. After a trainee has successfully passed a Conning Quiz on a main channel route or a port and approach, he/she will be eligible to take the conn on that route or approach.

The Conning Quiz will be administered at the offices of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners and will be graded by the staff. Eighty percent (80%) will be considered a passing grade. If a trainee fails a Conning Quiz, it can be retaken after seven (7) days.

The Conning Quiz will be an integral part of the Training Program developed after October 2008.