# MEETING MINUTES

# STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

#### December 16, 2014

,

#### Present:

Chairman: Harry Dudley Commissioners: Dale Jensen, Elsie Hulsizer, Chuck Adams, Ned Kiley, Phil Morrell, Grant Stewart Don Mayer, Ed Marmol Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Jonathan Ward, David Grobschmit, Walt Tabler: Puget Sound Pilots Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association Mary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor (*by telephone*) Lou Paulsen: Port of Tacoma Paul Tramm, Jim Tynan: USCG Sector Puget Sound Craig Lee, Loren Lee: Public

## **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:45 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Alki Conference Room at 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

**WAC 363-116-082: LIMITATIONS ON NEW PILOTS.** The proposed rule modifies license limitations and upgrade requirements for a new pilot in the Grays Harbor Pilotage District. These changes will allow a pilot in his/her first five license years to perform pilotage services on vessels more in line with the traffic currently calling in the Grays Harbor District. A review of all vessels of all tonnages calling in Grays Harbor was made which necessitates adjusting certain tonnage categories within the license limitation table (subsection (4)) and the corresponding license upgrade trip requirements (subsection (5)) in order to move through the process of upgrading one's license more efficiently. Subsequent to the initial public hearing held on September 18, 2014, the Board has received one additional written proposal for consideration suggesting modifications related to *Length Overall* as opposed to *GT/ITC* modifications as filed. There was no oral testimony.

The Board may adopt a rule that varies from the filed rule upon consideration of all oral presentations and written comments from any interested party. The public hearing was closed by Chairman Dudley at 9:46 a.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:46 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Alki Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Commissioner Elsie Hulsizer was recognized for her two terms of service since September of 2007. Her term expires later this month.

**Consideration of Preceding Hearing: WAC 363-116-082.** All written and oral testimony was reviewed and considered by the Board. A government to government meeting was held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the request of the Quinault Indian Nation. The written proposal contrasting LOA categories of vessels calling in Grays Harbor to GT/ITC categories was discussed. The Trainee Evaluation Committee asked for more time to review and study this proposal. <u>Motion</u>: Hulsizer/Adams – re-open and continue the public hearing to January 15, 2015 and extend the public comment period – Carried. <u>Motion</u>: Adams/Mayer – if, before January 15<sup>th</sup>, the TEC decides that the LOA concept is a viable option, Chairman Dudley be empowered to authorize the filing of a new CR-102 to broaden the proposed WAC modifications and set a new hearing date – Carried. (10:30 a.m.)

Minutes. The November 18, 2014 Minutes stand approved as written.

# OLD BUSINESS

# Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: STAR LOUISIANA, 10-23-14

Doffle-	An additional report has been filed by the training pilot.	Near Miss	Motion: Mayer/Marmol
meyer	The report from Grieg Star has not yet been received.		File as a Marine Safety
Point	There was no rudder failure. Nothing mechanical		Occurrence – Carried.
	caused the event. A combination of current, load and		
	type of rudder may have contributed to it.		

## NEW BUSINESS

## BPC Staff Report.

- > Captain Jensen continues with his PPU training requirements and his post-training program.
- Captain White completed the PPU Training Section of his Training Program and successfully demonstrated his proficiency on a PPU. He will be licensed for the GHPD on January 2, 2015.
- Month-end spreadsheets of PS pilot data were distributed.

**Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Program: Captain Eric Lichty.** Captain Eric Lichty is nearing completion of his first license year. <u>Motion</u>: Marmol/Morrell - approve the license upgrade program for Captain Lichty as drafted by the TEC with a minor modification - Carried.

### Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: MSC NERISSA, 11-22-14

		Bow thruster failure.	9	Motion: Marmol/Kiley
Se	eattle		Safety	File as a Marine Safety
			Concern	Occurrence – Carried.

## Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: UASC AJMAN, 11-28-14

Termina	al	Engine failure due to a bubble in the fuel line.	Navigational	Motion: Marmol/Kiley
30, Sea	ttle		Safety	File as a Marine Safety
			Concern	Occurrence – Carried.

## Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: ATLANTIC SUPERIOR, 12-1-14

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Duwamish	Bow thruster failure.	Navigationa	I Motion: Marmol/Kiley
Waterway,		Safety	File as a Marine Safety
Seattle		Concern	Occurrence – Carried.

#### Committee Reports.

## Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- There was no TEC meeting held in December.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Surface, Lowe, Carstensen, Kelleher, Henderson, Furst and Rounds.
- Captain Jonathan Ward's term as PSP President will end on January 13<sup>th</sup>. According to Board Policy the TEC will configure a re-entry program for him for Board approval on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Legislative/WAC Committee: Nothing new to report.

Tariff Policy Committee: The Committee is at rest as stakeholders continue to meet.

**Exam Committee:** Chairman Dudley appointed Commissioner Ed Marmol to the Exam Committee, joining Commissioner Mayer and himself.

**Activity Reports.** Mary Nelson, representing <u>Port of Grays Harbor</u>, Captain Jonathan Ward, representing <u>Puget Sound Pilots</u>, and Captain Mike Moore, representing <u>Pacific Merchant Shipping</u> <u>Association</u>, offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events. Captain David Grobschmit is the newly elected Puget Sound Pilot's President effective January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates.** The next regular meeting date is set for January 15, 2015 following a 9:30 a.m. public hearing, at 2901 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Seattle. The following regular meeting date is set for February 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.** <u>Motion</u>: Marmol/Kiley - accept the physicians' reports for Captains J.E. Arnold, T.D. Coryell, J.A. Hannuksela, J.T. Kearns, S.E. Moreno and A.J. Newman for annual pilot license renewal – Carried. Captain J.K. Ward remains unfit for duty.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dudley adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

Dale R. Jensen, Vice Chairman

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Commissioner Elsie J. Hulsizer

Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

Commissioner Edmund Marmol