



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS**

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

**REGARDING: Resumption of Pilotage Duties - Puget Sound Pilotage District**

It is the policy of the Board that a pilot who is out of regular rotation for a period of twelve months or more shall complete a number of refresher trips prior to resuming full pilotage duties. The minimum number of trips depends upon the experience level of the pilot and how long the pilot was out of rotation following these guidelines:

Pilot experience level when going out of rotation	Minimum trips if out of rotation 12 – 24 months	Minimum trips if out of rotation 25 - 36 months
Less than 5 years	10	12
5 years to 10 years	8	10
More than 10 years	6	8

The actual number of trips and the routes will be determined by the Trainee Evaluation Committee in consultation with the returning pilot and presented to the Board for approval. Completion of the refresher trips will be verified by the Puget Sound Pilots to the Board.

If a licensed pilot has been out of rotation for more than three years, an assessment of the returning pilot by the Trainee Evaluation Committee will be completed to determine a minimum number of refresher trips and or training trips for Board approval.