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OPEN LETTER TO SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AGENTS

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Dear Shippers and Agents,

We want to inform you of a \$16/assignment surcharge to the Puget Sound tariff for pilotage services. On May 16, 2017 Governor Jay Inslee signed Engrossed Senate Bill 5096, making transportation appropriations for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium. Section 108 of that bill directs the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) to “assess a self-insurance premium surcharge of sixteen dollars per pilotage assignment on vessels requiring pilotage in the Puget Sound Pilotage District” as a result of a recent litigation case. The Board adopted the directives of that bill via WAC 363-116-301 *New Revenue Collection* by Emergency Rule on May 18, 2017. There will be a public hearing regarding WAC 363-116-301 *New Revenue Collection* on September 21, 2017 at the regular meeting of the Board.

On June 20, 2017 a letter was sent to Puget Sound Pilots requesting the addition of the new \$16/assignment surcharge to their invoices effective as of July 1, 2017 as mandated by the legislature.

The [2017 Puget Sound Pilotage District Tariff](#) is to remain unchanged until July 1st of 2019 per the legislation. Until that date, the cost for compulsory pilotage in Washington State will be based on the current tariff and the new \$16/assignment surcharge.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Best regards,

Sheri Jeanne Tonn
Chair