



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS**

STATEMENT OF POLICY

**REGARDING: Interpretation of the Term “Deadweight Tons” as Used in
RCW 88.16.190**

The final proviso of RCW 88.16.190 exempts vessels under 40,000 deadweight tons from the provisions of RCW 88.16.070 through RCW 88.16.190.

It is the policy of the Board that for all voyages henceforth, deadweight tons referred to in this proviso means deadweight as measured in metric tons (one metric ton equals 1,000 kilograms).