



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

## STATEMENT OF POLICY

**REGARDING:**      **Definition of Intervention**

It is the policy of the Board that it will use the following definition when determining the appropriate mark of Intervention placed on a pilot trainee evaluation report.

An Intervention is defined as:

When a pilot has to interject (such as providing verbal advice or suggestions, or taking control of the vessel from the trainee) during a pilot trainee Evaluation Phase trip (i) in order to avoid, in the sole opinion of the pilot, an incident, including an actual or apparent collision, allision or grounding, (ii) in order to avoid, in the sole opinion of the pilot, a navigational or marine safety occurrence **which may result** in actual or apparent personal injury or property damage or environmental damage as defined in WAC 363-116-200.

A pilot may take over the conn in extreme or extenuating circumstances and not consider it an intervention under the following circumstances. If during the course of a transit, a situation arises during a sensitive part of the journey that jeopardizes the safety of the ship, i.e. an environmental circumstance or mechanical failure, and is through no fault of the trainee and is beyond the scope of a newly licensed pilot in the sole opinion of the licensed pilot, to prevent damage or injury, the pilot may assume the conn of the vessel without it being an Intervention. Such action must be verbalized to the trainee and the bridge team, and noted in the Comments Section of the Training Program Trip Report.