



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

BPC Mission: to ensure against the loss of lives, loss of or damage to property and vessels, and to protect the marine environment by maintaining efficient and competent pilotage service on our State's inland waters.



THE BPC PILOTAGE QUARTERLY

Winter 2022

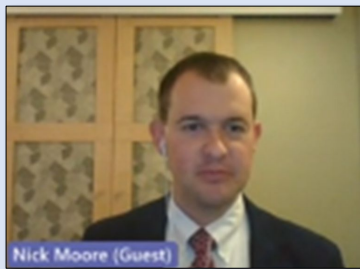
Announcements

Oil Transportation Safety Updates



Puget Sound Licensure

At the November 18, 2021, BPC meeting, the Board licensed Captain Nick Moore with license #216 to pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District. Congrats Captain Moore!

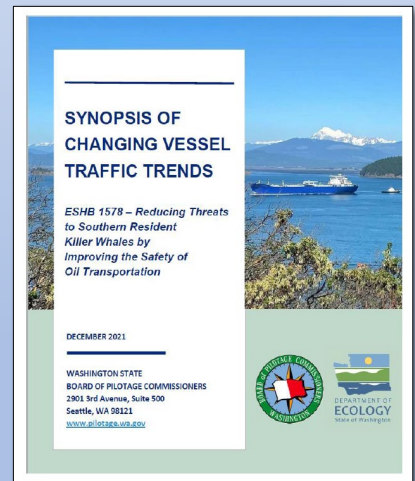


Captain Moore receiving his license virtually at the November Board meeting.

Legislative Session

The regular session of the Washington State Legislature begins Monday, January 10. Find out more at www.leg.wa.gov.

The 2019 Legislature passed ESHB 1578 Reducing the Risks to Southern Resident Killer Whales by Improving the Safety of Oil Transportation (The Act) to provide a measured approach to preventing a catastrophic oil spill in Puget Sound by closing important safety gaps related to vessels carrying oil in bulk. The Act directs the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) to develop rules for tug escorts in Puget Sound for oil-laden vessels by December 31, 2025. Specifically, section 3(1)(d)(2) requires the BPC to submit to the Legislature by December 31, 2021, a Synopsis of Changing Vessel Traffic Trends to assess the effects of the September 1, 2020, tug escort requirement on laden oil tankers between 5,000 and 40,000 deadweight tons, as well as articulated tug barges (ATBs) and towed waterborne vessels or barges greater than 5,000 deadweight tons in Rosario Strait and connected waterways east on vessel traffic.



The report analyzes vessel traffic in both Haro Strait and Rosario Strait over a 2-year period. Year one is the year prior to the September 1, 2020, tug escort requirement in Rosario Strait. Year two is the year after implementation. The objective is to observe if the requirement influenced the routes chosen by laden tank vessels. This synopsis describes the methodology and multiple data sources used to provide a general overview of the effects of the tug escort requirement.

The Department of Ecology prepared the synopsis and presented the final draft to the Board for approval at the [December 9](#) regular meeting of the Board. After approval, the BPC delivered the synopsis to the Legislature as directed by the Act. To read the report or for more info on ESHB 1578, please visit our website at <https://pilotage.wa.gov/oil-transportation-safety.html>.

Many thanks to our Ecology partners for their excellent work!

Women Offshore Conference Recap

The BPC was proud to sponsor the 4th Annual Women Offshore (WO) Conference, which occurred virtually on November 5 and 12. The conference was well attended with representation from all over the world. Post conference, WO shared a Conference Impact Report. Here are some highlights:



20 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

- Australia
- Brazil
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Denmark
- Egypt
- India
- Italy

- Kazakhstan
- Malaysia
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Senegal
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

EVENT ANALYTICS	
Individual Attendees	354
Watch Party Attendees*	50
Total Attendees	404
Attendees Logged In	75%
Speakers	53
Sessions	19
Attendees in Lounge	86
Lounge Meetings	36
Message Exchanges	1664
Total Views	2620

Above: Ally Cedeno, founder and president of Women Offshore.
Below: Session Highlights. Images courtesy of Women Offshore.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT PREVENTION PANEL

This was the conversation for taking action to prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment (SASH). Representatives from CGIS, Safer Waves, Seacode, and the Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) came together to share best practices in preventing SASH and maintaining a safe culture for everyone on board.

BLACK MARINERS PANEL DISCUSSION

While conversations around allyship and Black experiences have come to the forefront over the past year or so, more must be done and the voices of Black mariners should be elevated and heard. On this panel, Black mariners shared their perspectives of working on the water.

MOMS OFFSHORE

Do you have a baby on board or a baby at home? This panel of working offshore mothers shared their experiences on how to balance work with family. They shared their lessons learned in raising a family and progressing their careers.

Well done, Women Offshore! You are making a difference!

BPC Staff Highlight – Did you know?



Jolene with her grandkids (from left) Sylas, Myles, and Lyla.

For this Winter edition of the BPC Pilotage Quarterly, we will focus on BPC Training Program Coordinator Jolene Hamel. Did you know that Jolene...

- has a cochlear implant after experiencing later-in-life sudden deafness?
- has been to all 50 states and is now working on all 7 continents?
- has one item (Paris!) left to check off her original "bucket list" made in a high school psychology class, which she will complete in 2022?
- enjoys skydiving, ziplining, and other adrenaline producing fun, and wants to learn to fly planes next?
- is obsessed with games including board, card, and video, but trivia is her passion?
- is a Grandma, which she says is her favorite life role?

Well now you do! Stay tuned for Program Analyst Bettina Maki's highlight in our Spring edition!

District Snapshots

Puget Sound



Retirements:

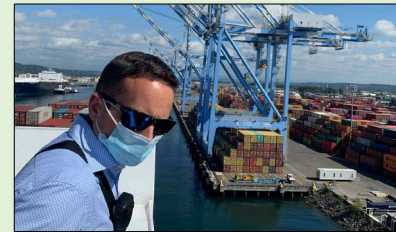
Captain Brian Henshaw
Thank you for your service to the state of Washington!

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

There were no upgrades in October, November or December 2021.

Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Michael, Ekelmann, Stewart, Bostick, Mann, Holland, Riddle, and Cassee. Starting training on February 1 are Captains Scott and McMullen.



Puget Sound trainee Andrew Stewart training in Tacoma. Image courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Captains Leo and Grobschmit will begin training in 2022.

