



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

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**NOTICE TO VESSELS AND AGENTS
REGARDING
RCW 88.16.180 OIL TANKERS – STATE LICENSED PILOT REQUIRED**

The guiding mission of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) is safety, environmental protection, and efficiency on Washington's inland waterways.

Based on Board action at the Special Meeting of the BPC on April 3, 2025, effective immediately, a tanker over 40,000 deadweight tons departing a Washington port or place (including anchorages) and bound for British Columbia via Haro Strait and then Boundary Pass must take a Washington State licensed pilot. A tanker 40,000 deadweight tons bound for a Washington port or place (including anchorages) from British Columbia via Boundary Pass and then Haro Strait must take a Washington State licensed pilot if any part of the transit is within Washington State waters.

Tankers over 40,000 deadweight tons departing a Washington port or place (including anchorages) and bound for British Columbia via Rosario Strait must take a Washington State licensed pilot. A tanker 40,000 deadweight tons bound for a Washington port or place (including anchorages) from British Columbia via Rosario Strait must take a Washington State licensed pilot.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Executive Director Jaimie Bever at Jaimie.Bever@wsdot.wa.gov or 206.515.3887.