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Vice Chair

OPEN LETTER TO SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AGENTS

Chuck Adams
Commissioner

Mike Anthony
Commissioner

Re: Occasional and Temporary Vessel Delays

Eleanor Kirtley
Commissioner

Dear Shippers and Agents,

Phil Morrell
Commissioner

Puget Sound Pilots is temporarily experiencing an unprecedented shortage of pilots due to pilot retirements, medical issues, and trainees not ready to be licensed from the pilot training program. The data is clear. There is a gap in pilot availability and pilotage needs.

John Scragg
Commissioner

Grant Stewart
Commissioner

We anticipate there may be occasional and temporary delays through the rest of the summer and into the fall. We trust you realize that safety is our number one priority. Possible delays for vessels and their schedules will be assessed on an individual basis with a goal of minimizing impacts as much as possible. PSP dispatchers will work to manage this as best they can.

Sara Thompson
Commissioner

Feel free to reach out to us if you have concerns and, thank you for your understanding.

Sheri J. Tonn, Chair
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