



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

FAQs – BPC TANK VESSEL MOVEMENT REPORT

Why is the BPC requesting this information and what is the purpose of the form?

The Pilotage Act, Chapter 88.16.190 RCW, requires tug escorts on laden tank vessels in Rosario Strait and connected waterways east. This form provides the Board of Pilotage Commissioners with information regarding the use of tug escorts on transits through Rosario Strait and connected waterways east.

Can existing data collection forms be amended to include the requested information?

BPC is responsible for the implementation of the statute and does not have existing data forms to amend.

What data is being collected that is not already available?


The missing data is whether a vessel that was required to take a tug escort per Chapter 88.16.190 RCW complied with the law.

What has been done to make the form less cumbersome and time consuming for operators?

The form was designed to be quick and easy to fill out, with multiple dropdowns and a one-button submit feature. Our goal was ease of use as to not hinder safe operations or over burden mariners.

Is the form required by the BPC?

BPC cannot require the form at this time. It is voluntary for operators. However, we hope that operators will find that the form is not time-intensive and that incorporating it into operations would be a convenient way to provide the requested information, adding transparency to tug escort compliance.



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TANK VESSEL MOVEMENT REPORT DATE: _____ (please submit within 7 days of transit)

Please fill out the following form and submit to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners at PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov after moving a tank vessel over 5,000 deadweight tons in the Puget Sound Pilotage District as defined by [RCW 88.16.050](#) and pursuant to [RCW 88.16.190](#). Refer to the ESHB 1578 and RCW 88.16.190 [Interpretive Statement](#), adopted by the Board of Pilotage Commissioners for definitions and clarification of the statutory requirements regarding tug escorts in Rosario Strait and connected waterways east effective September 1, 2020. **Note: Moves within a port or harbor are exempt from this reporting (such as within the port/harbor of Seattle, Tacoma, or Port Angeles, etc).**

TANK VESSEL (check one): Tanker ATB Towed Barge

CONDITION (check one): Laden Unladen

Washington State Licensed Pilot: Select One _____

Vessel Name: _____ Official Number: _____

Owner/Operator: _____ Agent/Contact Name/Info: _____

Deadweight: _____ Draft (FT): _____ Crude Oil/Refined Product: (select one) _____

Bunker Delivery (name of vessel receiving delivery, if applicable): _____

Begin Transit - Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: (select one) _____

End Transit - Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: (select one) _____

Voyage Route (Rosario Strait, Guemes Channel, etc.) _____

TOWING TUG (if ATB or Towed Barge)

Vessel Name: _____ Official Number: _____

Owner/Operator: _____ Agent/Contact Name/Info: _____

Horsepower: _____ Configuration (conventional, ASD, Cycloidal) _____

ESCORT TUG (if required)

Vessel Name: _____ Official Number: _____

Owner/Operator: _____ Agent/Contact Name/Info: _____

Horsepower: _____ Configuration (conventional, ASD, Cycloidal) _____

Escort Start Time: _____ Escort Start Location: (select one) _____

Escort Finish Time: _____ Escort Finish Location: (select one) _____

Do you have additional questions?

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