



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 2021

Happy New Year!

Announcements

THE PEAK IS WITHIN REACH

Washington State Marine Pilot Exam

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www.pilotage.wa.gov



Marine Pilot Exam April 5, 2021

Exam applications are due by March 1, 2021! Visit our website for more details.

<https://pilotage.wa.gov/exa-m-information.html>

Puget Sound Licensures!



Captains Matt Hannuksela (top), Joe Siddell (middle), and Neil McGourty (below)



received their licenses to pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District during the 4th quarter of 2020.



Congratulations on this achievement!

We would like to take this opportunity to reflect a bit on 2020, which has been challenging for all of us. It is easy to bury the year under the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, political environment, and social unrest. However, good things have come out of 2020, and we would like to spend some time shining a light on a few positives.

For instance, despite COVID-19 challenges and federal closures, six (6) pilot trainees were able to complete their State pilot training programs and federal pilotage endorsements resulting in licensure during 2020, including the three highlighted in Announcements. In addition, our pilots were hard at work with an abundance of caution, keeping the supply chain moving throughout the region. We offer much gratitude to the pilots!



Captain Bill Sliker, Puget Sound Pilots, dons full PPE while piloting a vessel.



Puget Sound pilots Captains Travis McGrath and Sandy Bendixen welcomed the next generation of pilots in the form of two baby girls! Congratulations to both!

From left: Captains McGrath and Bendixen hold up their daughters in their Puget Sound Pilots onesies.

The BPC, in partnership with Puget Sound Pilots and the Port of Grays Harbor, held a successful WA State Marine Pilot Exam Overview webinar, which provided valuable information to pilot aspirants interested in pilotage in our state. The webinar is available for viewing on our website [here](#).



Cheers to a healthy and happy 2021!

BPC Staff Highlight

November 1, 2020 was the one-year anniversary of Bettina Maki joining our team as the BPC's Program Analyst. Since coming aboard,



Jaimie Bever (left), Jolene Hamel (middle) and Bettina Maki (right) celebrate the holidays with a virtual office party in December.

Bettina has provided an array of helpful data visualizations bringing clarity to and supporting the BPC's various programs. We're so happy to have Bettina as a part of our team!

BPC staff will continue to telework and take turns in the office until June 2021, under the guidance of Governor Inslee.

Changes in BPC Industry Representation

The BPC welcomes Andrew Drennen as the new American Shipping Representative on the Board. Mr. Drennen is the Marine Superintendent for Polar Tankers. He was already a regular at BPC's meetings and an alternate Industry Representative on the Board's Pilot Safety Committee. Welcome aboard!

We would like to recognize and thank outgoing Commissioner Phil Morrell, TOTE. Commissioner Morrell has been on the Board since 2012. He was the Chair of the BPC's Fatigue Management Committee and was Co-Chair of the Pilot Safety Committee upon his departure from the BPC. Commissioner Morrell has provided years of excellent service to the State of Washington. We thank him for his contribution to safe pilotage!



2020 Salish Sea Shared Waters Forum

The 2020 Salish Sea Shared Waters Forum was held virtually on October 14 and 15. At the forum, BPC Commissioner and Department of Ecology representative Dale Jensen shared perspectives regarding knowledge gained from the 2018 and 2019 forums and BPC Executive Director Jaimie Bever presented updates to ESHB 1578 in a session titled *Authorities, Legislation and Implementation Actions that have been done to Ensure Protection of Treaty Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Advance Transboundary Spill Preparedness, Prevention, and Response*. Presentation slides and YouTube videos of all the presentations are available on The Pacific States – British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force website at <http://oilspilltaskforce.org/task-force-events/2020-salish-sea-forum/>.

District Snapshots

Puget Sound



PSP Leadership:

Congratulations to Captain Ivan Carlson for his election to the office of PSP President for 2021!

Many thanks to outgoing PSP President Captain Eric vonBrandenfels for his leadership and service!

Retirements:

There were no retirements in the 4th Quarter of 2020.

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

There were no upgrades to Unlimited in the 4th Quarter of 2020.

Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Severin Knutsen, Ryan Gartner, Eric Michael, Nick Moore, Robert Ekemann, Andrew Stewart, Mark Bostick, and Peter Mann.

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Currently in training is Captain Forest McMullen.

