



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Board of Pilotage Commissioners

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 363-116-0751 Qualifications for pilot applicants and WAC 363-116-080 Licensing of Pilots

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 88.16 RCW, Pilotage Act

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Board plans to administer a marine pilot exam in early 2026. Prior to the exam, the Board will be reviewing and updating, as needed, rules concerning the exam and pilot licensing qualifications to better reflect agency practices, goals, and values, as well as to conduct other minor housekeeping of the language to increase clarity to pilot aspirants and applicants.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe)

The Board will be considering recommendations from the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) and/or Pilot Exam Committee (PEC) and will be discussing them at regular public Board meetings. Stakeholder comments are encouraged and welcome. Upon further review and consideration of recommended revisions, a public hearing will be scheduled to consider the proposed new rules pursuant to the formal notice requirements.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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