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## BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

Winter 2020

*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

## Announcements



*All of us from the Board of Pilotage Commissioners wish you a happy and healthy 2020!*

### **ESHB 1578 Information**

If you would like to be on our distribution list for upcoming information regarding ESHB 1578, please contact us at (206) 515-3904 or email us at [PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov)

### **Exam Information**

If you would like to be on our distribution list for upcoming exam information, please contact Jolene Hamel at (206) 515-3904 or email us at [PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov)

## *Oil Transportation Safety*

During the last few months of the 2019, the BPC was busy addressing the directives of ESHB 1578, the Reducing Threats to Southern Resident Killer Whales by Improving the Safety of Oil Transportation Act, which was passed during the 2019 Legislative Session.



*Jaimie Bever presents at the 2019 Salish Sea Shared Waters Forum*

On November 14, 2019, BPC presented at the 2019 Salish Sea Shared Waters Forum on a panel title *Marine Emergency Response Systems*. BPC Executive Director Jaimie Bever (pictured left) gave an overview of pilotage, the BPC, and ESHB 1578.

On December 9, 2019, the BPC, along with the Department of Ecology, held two Listening Sessions at the Port of Everett concerning September 1, 2020 deadlines in ESHB 1578. The morning session focused on tug escort requirements in Rosario Strait and connected waterways east. The afternoon session focused on the identification of geographic zones. The Listening Sessions were well attended and we thank those of you who were able to attend. The presentations and summary of comments/questions can be found on the BPC website at [www.pilotage.wa.gov/oil-transportation-safety.html](http://www.pilotage.wa.gov/oil-transportation-safety.html).



*Puget Sound pilot Captain Blair Bouma gives a presentation on a pilot's perspective at the December 9, 2019 Listening Sessions at the Port of Everett.*

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## *BPC Staff Update*

BPC Program Coordinator Jolene Hamel has transitioned into the role of Training Program Coordinator. She is the go-to person for anything related to the pilot training program or the marine pilot exam. Jolene will continue her excellent work supporting the agency as well.



*Jolene Hamel (left) joins Puget Sound pilot Captain John Harris on the bridge of the STAR PRINCESS.*



*BPC's new Program Analyst Bettina Maki.*

The BPC would like to introduce our new Program Analyst Bettina Maki. Bettina began working with us in early November. She has a background in WA State service and has extensive data analysis and visualization experience. She comes from a family of tugboat engineers and is excited to be working in maritime as well. With Bettina's help, we will be working on reformatting our data reports for 2020. Welcome Bettina!

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## *A Decade of Dedication*

The December 16, 2019 Board meeting was the final meeting for one of the BPC's public representatives, Commissioner Ned Kiley. Commissioner Kiley was appointed to the Board in January 2010 and has seen many changes at the BPC over the past ten years. He has been active in several BPC committees, including the Trainee Evaluation Committee, and has been a valuable asset to the Board's investigative processes. His background with the USCG and in safety have been incredibly important to the work we do. Many thanks to Commissioner Kiley for his impeccable service to the BPC and the State of Washington!



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## *Welcome Commissioner Hamilton*

The BPC will have a new public representative at the table for the January 16, 2020 regular monthly meeting. Captain Jason Hamilton, former USCG Commanding Officer and attorney, was appointed by Governor Inslee to begin his service to the BPC as of January 1, 2020. Commissioner Hamilton's USCG experience will be valuable to the BPC's mission of safety. Welcome, Commissioner Hamilton!

## **DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS**



**Puget Sound**

### **Retirements:**

Captain Dan Brouillard  
Captain Jim Shaffer  
Captain Jed Arnold

***Thank you for your service to the State of Washington!***

### **License Upgrades to Unlimited:**

Captain Jamie Galvin  
Captain Brian Jensen  
***Well done, Captains!***

### **Licensure**

No pilots were licensed during October, November and December of 2019.

### **Training Program:**

Currently in training are Captains Trevor Bozina, Matt Miller, Pete Velarde, Joe Siddell, Matt Hannuksela, Neil McGourty, Severin Knutsen, Ryan Gartner, and Eric Michael.

Captain Siddell is transitioning to the Evaluation Phase of his program.

***Keep up the great work!***

**Grays  
Harbor**



### **Training Program:**

Currently in training is Captain Forest McMullen.

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