

# MEETING MINUTES

## STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

October 15, 2015

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Present:

Vice Chairman: Scott Ferguson

Commissioners: Sheri Tonn, Chuck Adams, Ned Kiley, Grant Stewart, Don Mayer, Ed Marmol

Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

David Grobschmit, Linda Styrk, Bill Lowery: Puget Sound Pilots

Mary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Paul Tramm, Kim Glore: USCG Sector Puget Sound

Lou Paulsen: The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)

Del Kelly: Retired Puget Sound Pilot

Jaimie Bever: Public

### REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:35 a.m. by Vice Chairman Scott Ferguson in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Captain Ferguson asked us all to take a moment to reflect on the tragic loss of the crew of men and women on the *EL FARO* recently lost at sea.

**Minutes.** The September 17, 2015 Minutes stand approved as written.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot Mayer – ALASKAN EXPLORER, 8-25-15**

Between the N & S berths at Cherry Pt.	Commissioner Marmol presented highlights of the investigation he conducted with Alaska Tanker Co. and the BP Refinery. On the vessel's approach to Cherry Point's South Dock, the anchor line of a spill boom buoy was cut with the port propeller. The full investigative report is available by request.	<u>Motion:</u> Kiley/Adams File as an Incident with damage, with pilot error and no further action to be taken except for following up on the recommended acquisition of updated electronic data – Carried. Commissioner Mayer abstained.
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*From 10:15 until 10:45 a.m. all meeting attendees participated in an earthquake and evacuation drill.*

### NEW BUSINESS

**2015 Annual Tariff Hearing Preparation – Grays Harbor Pilotage District Q and A.** In accordance with the timetable established for tariff document submission, the Grays Harbor Pilots' 5-Year Capital Spending Plan, unaudited 2014 Financial Statement and best available 2015 financial data through 8/31/15 were reviewed. A Q and A commenced regarding these submittals. The formal written 2016 Tariff Proposal dated October 8, 2015 was also submitted. It contained a modified request for an effective 4.6% increase instead of the initial filed request for a range between 0% and a 7% increase. The filed CR-102 sets a public hearing for November 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:**

**Motor Yacht *EVVIVA*** – 164', 492 gt, Cayman Islands, Captains Kenneth Bracewell and Joseph Trailer.

Motion: Marmol/Tonn – concur with Chair's granting of an annual renewal of exemption – Carried.

#### **Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *ACHILLES*, 9-13-15**

Commencement Bay, Tacoma	Engine failed to reverse when ordered.	Near Miss	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *MANON*, 9-20-15**

Commencement Bay, Tacoma	Engine failed to respond.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: SEA RELIANCE, 9-20-15**

Near Shell Dock, Anacortes	Danger signals were sounded at a powerboat nearing the vessel. It altered course and continued on without incident.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: HUDSON LEADER, 9-23-15**

Outbound from T-4B, Aberdeen	The ship’s whistle stuck in the open position and soon was stopped. Tugs were then used as radar and whistle.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: HORIZON ANCHORAGE, 9-24-15**

APMT P/S Bridge at 500’ mark, Tacoma	While docking, the wire spring fouled on a piece of the “Teflon” covering that runs along the sill piece.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: SALVIA ACE, 9-25-15**

Port Angeles Boarding Station	Ship experienced mechanical difficulty and unable to obtain full power to the main engine.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: STEALTH II, 9-30-15**

Southbound passing Lawrence Pt. in Rosario Strait	Due to a problem with the control linkage for the main engine, it was shut down in order to reconnect the controller and reset the engine.	Near Miss	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**BPC Staff Report.**

- Ms. Jaimie Bever was introduced as the Board’s new staff member, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Month-end spreadsheets of pilot statistical data were distributed.
- Captain John K. Ward, Puget Sound Pilot, has notified the Board of his intent to retire under the provisions of WAC 363-116-110(2) and the terms of the Puget Sound Pilots’ Disability Retirement Plan. Under these provisions Captain Ward has a five-year window in which to return to active piloting provided he can meet all requirements of the then Board physical standards. Motion: Stewart/Marmol – acknowledge Captain Ward’s intent to retire under the provisions of WAC 363-116-110(2) – Carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports.**

**Trainee Evaluation Committee:**

- The TEC met on October 13.
- Trainee Orientation for Captains Hunter and Myers was held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. They will both begin training on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Surface, Kelleher, Henderson, Furst and Rounds including face-to-face sessions with Captains Furst and Rounds.
- Captain Verne Justice will be retiring later this month after nearly 27 years as a Puget Sound Pilot.

**Legislative/WAC Committee:** No activity reported.

**Exam Committee:** Dr. Hertz and Dr. Chinn, of Progeny Systems Corp. were here to meet with Subject Matter Experts on October 1, 2 and 29 to work on the development of the April 2016 pilot exam.

**Activity Reports.** Mary Nelson, representing Port of Grays Harbor, Captain David Grobschmit, representing Puget Sound Pilots, Captain Mike Moore, representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, and Lou Paulsen representing The Northwest Seaport Alliance, offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events.

At the last Board meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, there was a motion made for consideration of a mid-term PSP tariff adjustment as follows: "Motion: Mayer/Tonn – file a CR-102 for a December, 2015 tariff hearing based on a handout distributed today from PSP." This motion was subsequently tabled as follows: "Motion: Tonn/Kiley – table Captain Mayer’s motion to the November meeting – Carried unanimously." Today, this initial motion was withdrawn as follows: Motion: Mayer/Tonn – withdraw the September 17<sup>th</sup> motion to file a CR-102 for a December, 2015 tariff hearing – Carried unanimously.

**Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.** Motion: Kiley/Tonn - accept the physicians’ reports for Captains P.A. Giese, J.R. Semler and D.B. Soriano for annual pilot license renewal and Captain C.F. Rounds for annual pilot trainee license renewal – Carried.

**Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates.** The next regular meeting dates are set for November 19, and December 17, 2015, at 2901 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Seattle. Board meeting dates for 2016 will be determined at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Ferguson adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Larson, Executive Director

**Absent**

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Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

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Scott J. Ferguson, Vice Chairman

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Commissioner Sheri J. Tonn

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Commissioner Charles F. Adams

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Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

**Absent**

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Commissioner Philip Morrell

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Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

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Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

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Commissioner Edmund Marmol