

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

August 9, 2012

Present:

Chairman: Harry Dudley

Commissioners: Norm Davis, Chuck Adams, Ned Kiley, Pat Hannigan,
Don Mayer, Phil Morrell, Grant Stewart

Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Andy Coe, Ed Marmol, Steve Moreno, Ivan Carlson, Walt Tabler: Puget Sound Pilots

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Gary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor (*by telephone*)

Lou Paulsen: Port of Tacoma

Brian Jensen: Foss Maritime

Matthew Denning, Iain Wells: USCG Sector Puget Sound

Loren Lee: Public

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Alki Conference Room at 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Minutes. The June 21, 2012 Minutes stand approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and Resolution Concerning Setting the Number of Pilots in the Puget Sound Pilotage District as provided in WAC 363-116-065. Both major stakeholder groups presented additional information for consideration and discussion. Motion: Hannigan/Mayer – increase the number of pilots in the PSPD by one, to 53 – Carried with a vote of five in favor and two opposed.

Rulemaking: CR-102 WAC 363-116-360: Exempt Vessels. The public hearing will convene at 9:30 a.m. on September 13th, followed by the regular Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Programs: Captain Steve Moreno is nearing completion of his third license year and Captains Jim Hannuksela and George Thoreson their fourth. Motion: Hannigan/Davis - approve the license upgrade programs for these three captains as drafted - Carried.

Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:

Sailing Yacht JANICE OF WYOMING – 130', 198 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Chris Wilson. Motion: Davis/Kiley – concur with Chair's granting of a three-month exemption – Carried.

2012 Annual Tariff Hearings Preparation. Motion: Davis/Adams – approve the GHPD and PSPD tariff document submission timetables with hearings set for October 24 and November 15, respectively - Carried.

GHPD – The Grays Harbor Pilots' 5-Year Capital Spending Plan submitted and distributed on July 26th was reviewed today, along with the unaudited 2011 Financial Statement and best available 2012 financial data. A letter dated July 31, 2012, from the Port of Grays Harbor (PGH) was presented detailing their request for rule amendments to the 2013 Grays Harbor Pilotage District tariff. Motion: Kiley/Adams - file a CR-102 reflecting a tariff increase of 4.3%, or effectively \$275 per pilotage job, as specified in the 7-31-12 PGH letter, to be heard at a public hearing set for 10:30 a.m. on October 24th – Carried.

Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: CAPE MAYOR, 6-17-12

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| Approaching Terminal 18-4, Seattle | Engine failure. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u> Kiley/Davis File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *HORIZON ANCHORAGE, 6-23-12*

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| Northbound abeam Fauntleroy Ferry Dock | Mechanical problems. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion</u> : Kiley/Davis File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *ATB SOUND RELIANCE, 6-27-12*

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| Port Angeles Harbor | Loss of one engine. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion</u> : Kiley/Davis File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *OVERSEAS NIKISKI, 7-3-12*

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| Port Angeles Port Dock, 1-N | Engine failed to start. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion</u> : Kiley/Davis File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *BULKTEC, 7-7-12*

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| Straits of Juan de Fuca | Main engine in need of repairs. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion</u> : Kiley/Davis File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *CSL CABO, 7-10-12*

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| Fisher Turn, West Waterway, Seattle | Bow thruster tripped off line. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion</u> : Kiley/Davis File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *AFRICAN SWAN, 8-3-12*

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| Grays Harbor Turning Basin | Loss of engine power. | Near-miss | <u>Motion</u> : Davis/Adams File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Incident: *PS Pilot George Thoreson – APL OAKLAND, 6-25-12*

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| Terminal 5, Center Berth, Seattle | After the vessel was alongside the dock and while heaving up the forward spring line, a fiber from the line caught on the edge of the caprail and pulled it off. | <u>Motion</u> : Hannigan/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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Pilot's Report of Incident: *PS Pilot Scott Anacker – PORTLAND BAY, 7-26-12*

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| Duwamish River, Seattle | While transiting stern first up the Duwamish River, opposite Alaska Marine Terminal the vessel allided with GC barge #104 causing the barge lines to part. | Investigation by Commissioner Don Mayer is ongoing. |
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Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- The TEC met on August 8th
- Training Program progress was reviewed for Captains Engstrom, Carley, Lowery and Brouillard
- Captain Wildes met with the TEC and has been requested to submit a “focus sheet”
- The Train-the-Trainer subcommittee of the TEC will meet on 8-13 at 1:00
- Grays Harbor training program development is continuing

Legislative/WAC Committee: No activity presently.

Tariff Policy Committee: Work is progressing.

Pilot Exam Committee:

- The job analysis survey, necessary to the exam preparation, was completed by 100% of all pilots
- Motion: Hannigan/Mayer – approve the written and simulator exam specifications – Carried
- Motion: Hannigan/Mayer – replace Captain Don Mayer with Captain Bill Anderson, Sr. as the alternate simulator evaluator - Carried

Activity Reports. Gary Nelson, representing Port of Grays Harbor, Captain Andy Coe, representing Puget Sound Pilots, and Captain Mike Moore, representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, presented current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events. Puget Sound Pilots, Captains Ed Marmol and Steve Moreno gave presentations on Portable Pilot Units and the anatomy of the PSP Reference Manual, respectively.

Correspondence Review. A reminder was received regarding the September deadline for proposed agency request legislation. Nothing, at this time, is being considered.

Legal Update. The Nelson and Sweeney cases are ongoing.

BPC Staff Report. The 2013-15 agency biennial budget preparation is underway. Captain Craig Lee forwarded a bulletin to the Board which is posted on our website entitled "Shipping Industry Guidance on Pilot Transfer Arrangements". Monthly piloting activity reports for June and July were distributed. Captain Mike Mendenhall retired on July 24th which created an opening for newly licensed pilot Captain Mike Anthony.

Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Hannigan briefly recapped the chronology of Captain Mike Mendenhall's maritime career noting that on his last day of work he completed his 7,777th pilot job! Chairman Dudley stated his appreciation for the two Coast Guard personnel in attendance today.

Public Comments. Lou Paulsen from the Port of Tacoma, briefed the Board on the collaborative efforts being made with the Puget Sound Pilots on various issues concerning the Blair Waterway.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. Future meeting dates are: September 13, October 24, November 15 and December 13. On October 24th the schedule is: 9:00 – Closed Session, 9:30 - Open Session regular Board meeting, 10:30 – Public Hearing on the Grays Harbor Pilotage District tariff, followed by the remainder of the regular Board meeting.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports. Motion: Kiley/Hannigan - accept the physicians' reports for Captains J.C. Scragg, J.P. Bujacich, I.J. Carlson, W.J. Sliker, S.G. Cooke, D.W. Mayer, P.S. Kelly and B.F. Henshaw for annual pilot license renewal - Carried. Captain R.F. McCurdy remains on medical leave.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dudley adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

Norman W. Davis, Acting Vice Chairman

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Patrick M. Hannigan

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Absent

Commissioner Elsie J. Hulsizer

Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart