

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2016

REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Sheri Tonn, in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Chair Tonn welcomed new members Sara Thompson representing the State Department of Ecology and Eleanor Kirtley representing the marine water environment. Chair Tonn also announced her appointment of Commissioner Ned Kiley as Vice Chair. All attendees introduced themselves.

Present:

Chair: Sheri Tonn Vice Chair: Ned Kiley

Commissioners: Phil Morrell, Grant Stewart, Don Mayer, Ed Marmol, Sara Thompson, Eleanor Kirtley

Assistant Attorneys General: Allyson Zipp, Catherine Hendricks

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

David Grobschmit, Linda Styrk, Bill Lowery, John Harris, Bill Sliker: Puget Sound Pilots

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

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Kim Glore, Paul Tramm: USCG Sector Puget Sound

Minutes. Motion: Marmol/Stewart – approve the January 14, 2016 minutes as written – Carried.

BPC Staff Report.

- Commissioners were reminded to file their annual PDC report by the April 15th deadline.
- Shawna prepared and presented 2015 year-end spreadsheets of pilot statistical data. PSP month-end data for January was not available due to timing issues.

Activity Reports. Captain Mike Moore and Jordan Royer representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, Captain David Grobschmit and Linda Styrk representing Puget Sound Pilots, and Gary Nelson and Mary Nelson representing the Port of Grays Harbor, offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime activities. PSP shared with the Board their Memorandum of Agreement with Canada on the conduct of the transit of vessels crossing the US/Canadian border with pilots from both jurisdictions. PSP also made an Azipod presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot Seymour – AKINADA BRIDGE, 11-21-15

Near Bush Point	Both Board investigators, Captains Mayer and Kiley have concluded their investigation of this matter.	<u>Motion:</u> Kiley/Marmol File as an Incident with alleged injury and no pilot error – Carried.
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Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot F. Engstrom & Trainee Furst – ASTORIA BAY, 11-5-15

Port Angeles T-pier	Legal counsel was consulted regarding the limitation of the Board's authority as to the disposition of this incident.	The previous motion stands regarding the pilot. No action was taken with regard to the trainee.
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NEW BUSINESS

Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: WESTWOOD ROBSON, 1-28-16

Commencement Bay, Tacoma	Main engine exhaust valve sensor failure.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Marmol/Stewart File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: MAUI, 1-30-16

Pier 18-4, Seattle	Line handling issues complicated the undocking of the vessel.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Marmol/Stewart File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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2016 Annual Puget Sound Tariff Hearing Preparation. A draft *Timetable for Tariff Document Submission* was presented for discussion. It was uncertain about the intentions of all stakeholders with regard to what to expect at the May tariff hearing. The current tariff expires on June 30, 2016 and needs to be extended either in its present state or amended. The option of returning the tariff to a calendar-year rather than a fiscal-year process was discussed. Directions were given to the parties to keep the Board informed. Meanwhile the Five-year Capital Spending Plan and the PSP 2015 Annual Financial Statement are due to the Board on March 1st.

Discussion Concerning Setting the Number of Pilots in the Puget Sound Pilotage District as Provided in WAC 363-116-065. This item was deferred to the next regular meeting.

Review and Consideration of Licensure of PSPD Pilot Trainee: Captain Neil T. Kelleher. On behalf of the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) Commissioner Mayer reported that after a thorough review of Captain Kelleher's Training Program to date, the TEC has determined he is very close to completion and in need of PPU Training. Motion: Mayer/Kiley – that Captain Kelleher's Training Program Agreement be amended to include a new "Section 4 – PPU Training" and that he be offered a one-time additional training stipend of up to \$2,400 toward the cost of PPU Training – Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- The TEC met on February 9.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Surface, Henderson, Rounds, Hunter and Myers, including a face-to-face review with Captains Furst and Kelleher.
- Two TEC members Craig Lee and Norm Davis have resigned from the committee after having served on both the Board and the TEC for many years.
- Mike Moore is actively searching for a replacement for Captain Homeyer as an industry representative on the TEC since he won't be able to continue serving on the committee.

Legislative/WAC Committee:

- It appears that *SB 6124, An Act Relating to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners* and *SB 6418 An Act Relating to Oil Transportation Safety* are not moving forward at this time.
- A workshop will be held on February 17th to begin discussing proposed WAC revisions.

Exam Committee:

- Motion: Mayer/Marmol – approve the list of 4 additional applicants (for a total of 7 to date) to sit for the 2016 written exam as reviewed and recommended by three members of the Exam Committee – Carried. One applicant was found not qualified to sit for this exam.

Diversity Committee:

- Chair Tonn is working on the establishment of a joint diversity committee. She will be attending the Women on the Water conference in Vallejo California in mid-March. The California Maritime Academy along with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) are hosting the 8th annual conference.

PSP Azipod Presentation. This was presented earlier during the PSP Activity Report.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports. There were no physical exam reports to review.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. The next regular meeting dates are set for March 10 and April 14, 2016, at 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 11:25 a.m. A Closed Session followed.

CLOSED SESSION – Call to Order

A Closed Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington to discuss the Sweeney appellate case. In attendance were Commissioners Tonn, Kiley, Morrell, Mayer, Marmol, Thompson and Kirtley; Assistant Attorneys General Allyson Zipp and Catherine Hendricks; and BPC staff Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

Edmund I. Kiley, Vice Chair

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Commissioner Eleanor Kirtley

Absent

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

Commissioner Edmund Marmol

Commissioner Sara Thompson