

# MEETING MINUTES

## STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

January 14, 2016

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### **CLOSED SESSION – Call to Order**

A Closed Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington to discuss various elements of the pilot training program. In attendance were Commissioners Tonn, Ferguson, Adams, Kiley, Stewart, Mayer and Marmol; BPC staff Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson; Assistant Attorney General Guy Bowman and Trainee Evaluation Committee members Ryan White, Mike Blake, Craig Lee, Sara Thompson and John Scragg. Regular Session was convened by the Chair immediately following Closed Session.

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### **REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 1:05 p.m. by newly seated Chair Sheri Tonn, in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Vice Chair Scott Ferguson announced his impending departure on February 1<sup>st</sup> and introduced his replacement, Sara Thompson from the Department of Ecology and who is currently a Trainee Evaluation Committee member. Words of appreciation were expressed to Captain Ferguson for his time, enthusiasm, and commitment to our Board.

#### Present:

Chair: Sheri Tonn Vice Chair: Scott Ferguson

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

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

David Grobschmit, Linda Styrk: Puget Sound Pilots

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

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Sara Thompson: Department of Ecology/TEC member

Kim Glore, Kevin Kinsella: USCG Sector Puget Sound

Lou Paulsen: The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)

Vince Addington, Doug Coburn: General Steamship

Chris Reilly: Nicoll Black & Feig Attorneys

Chris Kluck: Public

**Minutes.** The November 19, 2015 Minutes stand approved as written.

**Activity Reports.** Gary Nelson, representing Port of Grays Harbor, Captain David Grobschmit and Linda Styrk, 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. Going forward USCG representatives will be added to this section of the meeting to offer comments as well.

Chair Tonn excused herself to travel to Olympia to testify at a Senate Transportation Committee hearing on *SB 6124, An Act Relating to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners*. Vice Chair Ferguson took the con. (2:00 p.m.)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *HANJIN COPENHAGEN, 11-9-15***

Near Kingston/ Edmonds ferry route	Fuel pumps failed.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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#### **Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *GREENWICH BRIDGE, 12-5-15***

S/B from Pilot Station to Tacoma, Term 3	Gyro malfunction.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *GUNDE MAERSK*, 12-8-15**

Elliott Bay, Seattle	Fire in Generator Room #1, shutting down the main engine.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *HORIZON CONSUMER*, 12-18-15**

S/B East of Point Robinson	Dirty fuel caused the boiler to shut down.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *AKINADA BRIDGE*, 1-3-16**

Entering Admiralty Inlet	Electrical power failure causing a shutdown of the entire ship.	Near Miss	<u>Motion</u> : Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – 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	The vessel was not landed flat, consequently the stern laid on the camel and was forced into a piling. The trainee was at the con.	<u>Motion</u> : Kiley/Adams File as an Incident with damage and pilot error – Carried. <u>Motion</u> : Adams/Kiley – defer to legal counsel regarding follow-up concerns – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot Seymour – *AKINADA BRIDGE*, 11-21-15**

Near Bush Point	The pilot was informed of an alleged injury to the operator of a 35' Nordic tug as they passed each other near Bush Point.	<u>Motion</u> : Adams/Marmol Defer for further information – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot Thoreson – *MORNING CROWN*, 12-9-15**

Blair Terminal, Tacoma	A large gust of wind forced the vessel off the dock tearing the aft lines loose. Tugs were used to bring it back alongside.	<u>Motion</u> : Kiley/Adams File as an Incident with damage and no pilot error – Carried.
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**Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:**

**Motor Yacht *PENDANA*** – 68', 80 gt, Australia, Captain James Ellingford.

Motion: Marmol/Adams – grant a one-year exemption conditioned on a submittal to the Board of any changes to their filed petition before arriving in October; their first transit through the Hiram Chittenden Locks requires a pilot – Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports.**

**Trainee Evaluation Committee:**

- The TEC met on January 11.
- Motion: Mayer/Kiley – transition Captain Surface back to the Grays Harbor District for the commencement of the Evaluation Phase of his training program – Carried.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Kelleher, Henderson, Furst, Rounds, Hunter and Myers, including a face-to-face review with Captain Surface.
- A request was made to list "Discussion of the number of pilots in the PSPD" on the next Board meeting agenda – the Board concurred.

**Legislative/WAC Committee:**

- Chair Tonn is testifying today before the Senate Transportation Committee regarding *SB 6124, An Act Relating to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners* which calls for a JLARC audit and certain changes in the Board's budget process.
- A workshop will be held next month to begin discussing proposed WAC revisions.

**Exam Committee:**

- Work on the development of the April 2016 written and simulator exams continues.
- Motion: Mayer/Kiley – approve the list of 3 applicants to sit for the 2016 written exam as reviewed and recommended by three members of the Exam Committee – Carried.

**Diversity Committee:** Discussion deferred due to Chair Tonn’s absence.

**BPC Staff Report.**

- Captain Stuart Mork is currently on inactive duty status and anticipates getting a medical fit-for-duty before our next Board meeting. Motion: Marmol/Adams – at Captain Mork’s request, the Chair shall be empowered to review the Board physician’s report and put him back to work without delay before the next Board meeting if such report indicates he is fit-for-duty – Carried.
- Month-end spreadsheets of pilot statistical data for December were unavailable due to timing issues.
- The state auditor held a telephone entrance conference on December 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the accountability audit to be conducted for the fiscal year 2015.

**Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.** Motion: Kiley/Adams - accept the physicians’ reports for Captains W.M. Carley, J.T. Kearns, E.C. Klapperich, W.W. Lowery, S.E. Moreno, A.J. Newman, E.M. vonBrandenfels, G.R. Wildes, L.P. Emerson, J.T. Scoggins and M.J. Shuler for annual pilot license renewal – Carried.

**Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates.** The next regular meeting dates are set for February 11, and March 10, 2016, at 2901 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Seattle.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Ferguson adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Larson, Executive Director

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Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

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Scott J. Ferguson, Vice Chair

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**VACANT**  
Commissioner

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Commissioner Charles F. Adams

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Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

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**Absent**  
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