



STATE OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

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.



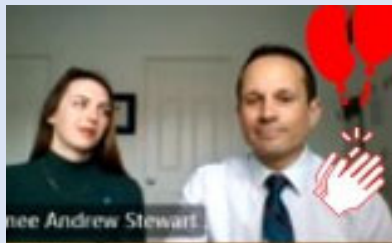
THE BPC PILOTAGE QUARTERLY

Spring 2022

Announcements

Puget Sound Licensure

Congratulations to Captain Andrew Stewart, who received state license #217 to pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District on March 17! Well done, Captain!



Captain Stewart (right) with his wife Carly (left) receiving his license at the virtual March 17 BPC meeting.

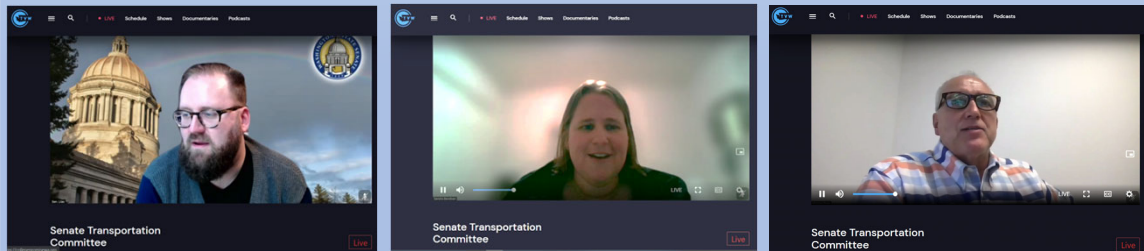
BPC Meeting Schedule

Cruise season is right around the corner! BPC monthly meetings will shift to Tuesdays at 1200 from June to August. Find more information about our meetings including agendas, materials, and minutes on our website [here](#).



Senate Confirmations

The Board of Pilotage Commissioners includes seven (7) gubernatorial appointed members, who are confirmed by the Senate Transportation Committee (STC). The BPC's newest commissioners, Captain Sandy Bendixen, Puget Sound Pilots, and Captain Mike Ross, Westwood Shipping Lines, testified remotely before the STC on January 20 and were confirmed by the STC in executive session on January 27. Congratulations to Captains Bendixen and Ross!



From left: Senator Marko Liias, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Captain Sandy Bendixen, Puget Sound pilot and pilot commissioner on the BPC, and Captain Mike Ross, Westwood Shipping, and the BPC's foreign flag shipping representative, testify during the confirmation hearing on 20 January 2022.

BPC's public representatives Timothy J. Farrell and Captain Jason Hamilton received confirmations of their reappointments to the Board in January as well. Thanks to both for their representation for another term!

The BPC would like to thank and acknowledge all the commissioners for their hard work and engagement on pilotage related issues, while also balancing their regular work and personal lives. Their service to the state of Washington, while mostly behind the scenes, does not go unnoticed!

BPC's Public members
Timothy J. Farrell,
(above)
and
Captain Jason Hamilton
(below)



*Happy
Spring!*



Expansion in Grays Harbor

On 22 March, the Port of Grays Harbor issued a press release announcing that its largest marine terminal customer, AG Processing Inc (AGP), approved a plan to expand its export facility and storage at the Port. AGP's export products include soybean meal, refined soybean oil, and biodiesel. According to the press release, AGP's investment in the Port will require rail capacity expansion and upgrades to Terminals 2 and 4. More information about this announcement can be found on the Port's website at <https://www.portofgraysharbor.com/news/agpexpansion>.



Congratulations to the Port of Grays Harbor and the Grays Harbor County community!

Image courtesy of the Port of Grays Harbor

WIML Conference

Cal Maritime's annual Women in Maritime Leadership Conference was held in early March, in person at their campus in Vallejo, CA. BPC Chair Sheri Tonn and PSP pilot Captain Trevor Bozina attended, representing Washington pilotage. The conference was well-attended with diverse panels and sessions on the agenda. Find out more [here](#).

BPC Staff Highlight – Did you know?



Bettina at Akkerman Fortress in the Odessa region of Ukraine during a family heritage tour in 2016.

For this Spring edition of the BPC Pilotage Quarterly, we will focus on BPC Program Analyst Bettina Maki. Did you know that Bettina...

- is a suburban woodswoman who lives in a log cabin and enjoys stacking wood and building cozy fires?
- loves plays and musicals and looks forward to resuming theater-going in 2022?
- spent much of the pandemic watching baby panda Xiao Chi Ji growing up under the care of his mother Mei Xiang via the "Panda Cam" at the National Zoo in D.C.?
- also enjoys the Space Needle Panocam, which provides excellent time-lapse images of Elliott Bay and is like a periscope for the BPC office?
- spent many years in the healthcare sector before making the leap to maritime?
- loves fixing broken spreadsheets and making messy data useful?

This concludes BPC Staff. Next up, Commissioners!

District Snapshots

Puget Sound



Retirements:

There were no retirements in January, February, or March.

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

There were no upgrades in January, February, or March.

Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Michael, Ekemann, Bostick, Mann, Holland, Riddle, Cassee, McMullen, and Scott. Captains Kelly and Mancini began training on April 1, 2022.



Captain Mann training aboard the KING BARLEY inbound to Pier 86 in Seattle. Picture courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots.

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Captain Leo is currently training.

