

BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

2007-2009 BIENNIAL BUDGET

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners is 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 compulsory pilotage services in Washington waters.

AUTHORITY STATEMENT:

RCW 88.16.005 declares that through the establishment of a Board of Pilotage Commissioners who represents the interests of the people of the State of Washington, the intent of the legislature shall be obtained. That is, to place experienced marine pilots aboard vessels in Washington waters with prescribed qualifications and licenses issued by the state.

It is also intended that the Board continue to develop and encourage waterborne commerce from other ports and nations of the world and not jeopardize Washington's position as an able competitor for such commerce.

GOALS:

Provide a qualified and capable work force of highly skilled pilots.

Maintain clear and effective state pilotage laws and regulations.

Establish fair and equitable pilotage tariffs.

Assure the preservation of the marine environment, including property, vessels, human and marine life, and Washington waters.

Administration of high pilot qualifications and performance standards.

OBJECTIVES:

Ensure 100% compliance with pilot training and education requirements.

Reduce the number of incidents involving piloted vessels by 10 percent per year.

Continually regulate pilot and public adherence to the Pilotage Act.

STRATEGIES:

Require all pilots to attend continuing education and training courses at least every five years.

Establish minimum qualification and examination standards in order to maintain a roster of eligible pilot candidates.

Annually review and recommend to the legislature necessary statutory revisions that ensure the maintenance of responsible and practical state pilotage laws.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Number of Pilotage Related Incidents per 10,000 Vessels Moved.

Number of Near-Miss Occurrences Reported to the Board.