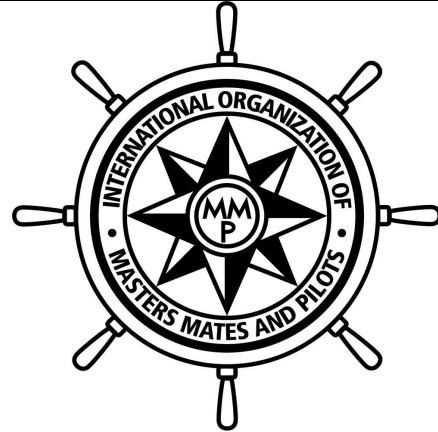

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT



THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

AND

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS
MASTERS/PILOTS

EFFECTIVE

JULY 1, ~~2023~~-2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, ~~2025~~2027



~~2023-2025~~
2025-2027

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ONLY.
This tentative agreement will only become final if it is first determined to be financially feasible by OFM and subsequently funded by the Legislature in the 2025-2027 budget.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS
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*PLACEHOLDER

PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into by the State of Washington, referred to as the “Employer,” and the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region, United Inland Group, referred to as the “Union.” This Agreement governs the wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for all masters/pilots.

It is agreed that is in our mutual interest to establish productive employment relations between the Employer and the Union aboard Washington State Ferries, to deliver safe, reliable and efficient ferry service for the State of Washington.

RULE 1 - SCOPE AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Scope of Agreement

The terms and provisions of this Agreement shall govern the Union, the Employer and all staff masters, masters and relief masters who are in the bargaining unit described in the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) [Decision 11140](#) at the Department of Transportation's Washington State Ferries (WSF) and shall apply to all vessels of the WSF, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, and which are engaged on Puget Sound and connecting inland waters, on the Straits of Juan De Fuca, to the San Juan Islands, or to the ports of British Columbia.

1.2 Entire Agreement

- A. The parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement constitute the complete agreement between the parties.
- B. Any letter or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) applicable to the parties shall be listed in the Appendix of this Agreement as a letter or MOU that is in effect for the term of the Agreement or a term less than the term of the Agreement. Letters or MOUs added to the Agreement during its term shall specifically state the duration of the letter or the MOU, not to exceed the term of the Agreement.
- C. Effective June 30, 2023, a letter or MOU not listed shall be null and void.

1.3 Good Faith Performance

There shall be no attempt by the parties to this Agreement to ignore, disregard, circumvent, or otherwise avoid any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement or any of the duties, obligations and responsibilities imposed by the Agreement. In addition, the utmost good faith shall be required of the parties in their performance of all of the terms and provisions of the Agreement.

1.4 Fluid Bargaining Unit

The parties to this Agreement recognize the fluid nature of the bargaining unit. The terms and conditions of this Agreement will apply to any WSF mate with a masters license when working as a staff master, master or relief master regardless of the length of time.

RULE 2 – DEFINITIONS

2.1 Specific Definitions

Unless the context of a particular Rule of this Agreement clearly dictates otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A. Agreement

The term, "Agreement," shall refer to the current contract, of which this Rule is a part, between the Employer and the Union.

- B. All Route Pilotage
The term, “all route pilotage,” is used to indicate that a licensed deck officer possesses a United States Coast Guard (USCG) pilotage endorsement on the deck officer’s license for the number of routes of pilotage required by the terms of this Agreement in effect at the time the deck officer in question was, or is, promoted to a deck officer.
- C. Anniversary Date
The term, “anniversary date,” shall occur annually on the month and day that the deck officer first became employed by the Employer in any capacity. The anniversary date is the date by which a deck officer must use their vacation leave in excess of the maximum.
- D. Break-In
The term, “break-in,” is the procedure by which the Employer uniformly allows all deck officers in a particular classification to obtain local knowledge of a route or routes operated by the WSF, and of the vessel assigned to such route or routes. Break-in will be considered training for pay purposes.
- E. Commodore
The number one (1) master on the master’s seniority roster is referred to as the “commodore.”
- F. Chief Mate
The term, “chief mate,” refers to the mate, senior in authority on a vessel.
- G. Deferral
The term, “deferral,” refers to the deck officer’s ability to defer all or part of their bid vacation for the reasons stated in [Rule 12](#), Vacation Leave.
- H. Detention Time
The term, “detention time,” refers to the elapsed time from the point in time at which a deck officer is relieved from duty, other than at the deck officer’s terminal of commencement, to the point in time of arrival at the deck officer’s home terminal for a relief deck officer, and to the deck officer’s terminal of commencement for a regular deck officer.
- I. Demotion
The term, “demotion,” is the act of reducing deck officer in rank from the deck officer’s present classification or pay rate to a lower classification or pay rate.
- J. Designated Trainer
The term, “designated trainer,” is a person who may be added to the normal crew of a vessel for purposes of providing training on board a vessel or in a classroom. Designated trainers may or may not be members of the bargaining unit.

- K. Discipline
Discipline includes oral reprimands, written reprimands, reductions in pay, suspensions, demotions and discharges.
- L. Documented Performance Disqualifiers
“Documented Performance Disqualifiers” include, but are not limited to, documented repetitive violations of the WSF Code of Conduct, or discipline which has not been removed or is not scheduled to be removed from the employee’s personnel file prior to application for inclusion on the master’s eligibility list, or invitation to mate’s orientation and training.
- M. Employee
The term, “employee,” includes all licensed deck officers covered by this Agreement.
- N. Employer
The term, “Employer,” means the State of Washington.
- O. Extended Temporary Position
The term, “extended temporary position,” or “extended temporary assignment,” refers to a position which is expected to exist for less than one (1) year, but at least thirty (30) days. The term, “temporary position,” or “temporary assignment,” shall have the same meaning as “extended temporary position,” or “extended temporary assignment.”
- P. Extra Hours
The term, “extra hours,” refers to when a relief deck officer is called back to work after picking or working between seventy-six (76) and seventy-nine (79) hours. If the relief deck officer accepts an additional assignment once they are between seventy-six (76) and seventy-nine (79) hours, the entire shift is considered “extra hours.”
- Q. Extra Service Vessel
The term, “extra service vessel,” is any vessel assigned to a route for the purpose of temporarily providing extended or more frequent service on that route.
- R. Full-Time Employee
The term, “full-time employee,” refers to employees who are scheduled to work or guaranteed work of at least eighty (80) hours of work in a two (2) week work period with the Employer.
- S. Free Days
The term, “free days,” refers to three (3) consecutive days in which the deck officer may, but will not be required to, accept job assignments. [Free Days are replaced by the extra Non-paid Bid Vacations Days \(NPBVD\). Free Days are not applicable in the work cycle in which the Relief has the extra NPBVD.](#) Free days are not applicable and shall not be used during bid vacation blocks as described in [Subsection 12.11 \(D\)](#).

T. Hold Over Penalty

When a deck officer is involuntarily held over after their scheduled watch is completed due to dispatch being unable to fill the position for the oncoming watch, or there is a late dispatch that precludes the relieving LDO from arriving before the start time of the watch, the LDO held over will receive a hold over penalty equal to one (1) hour of straight-time wage for every hour held over, with a minimum of two (2) hours and a maximum of four (4) hours. If the employee is held over as a result of their properly dispatched relief not reporting on time to relieve them from their watch, hold over penalty pay shall not apply to the employee who is held over.

U. Licensed Deck Officer (LDO)

The term, “licensed deck officer,” shall include all staff masters, masters and relief masters in the employ of the Employer. The term, “deck officer,” shall have the same meaning as “licensed deck officer” or “master/pilot.”

V. Master/Pilot

The term, “master, relief master, or staff master,” is a deck officer and pilot of the highest classification and one who possesses a minimum license qualification of an inland master and first class pilot of vessels of any gross tons, and is otherwise qualified under this Agreement to appear on the master’s seniority roster. A master is the ultimate authority onboard all WSF vessels as defined in [RCW 47.64.340](#).

W. Mate/Pilot

The term, “mate/pilot,” includes chief mate, second mate and extra relief mates who are also pilots according to their license who possess the minimum license qualifications of an inland mate and first class pilot of any gross tons with pilotage.

X. Mileage

The term, “mileage,” refers to reimbursement for the use of a privately owned motor vehicle. Reimbursement for the use of a privately owned motor vehicle is payable to only one (1) traveler when two (2) or more travelers are traveling in the same motor vehicle on the same trip.

Y. Minimum License Qualifications

The term, “minimum license qualifications,” required of an LDO shall mean the minimum qualifications of:

1. ~~Master~~ of any gross tons upon inland waters license;
2. Radar observer certification;
3. First class federal pilot endorsement for any gross tons upon all Puget Sound, San Juan Island (including Spieden Channel) ferry routes, and interconnecting ferry routes from Dolphin Point to Randall Point, Washington; and
4. Marine Radio Operator’s Permit.

- Z. Pilot
The term, “pilot,” refers to the LDO with federal pilotage who has operational and navigational control of a vessel operated by the Employer. The pilot is licensed under [46 USC 8502](#) and has the primary responsibility to ensure the prevention of the loss of human lives, loss of property and to protect the marine environment of the State of Washington.
- AA. Pilotage
The term, “pilotage,” is the term used to indicate that a deck officer has obtained a United States Coast Guard (USCG) pilot endorsement on the deck officer’s license.
- BB. Promotion
The term, “promotion,” is the act of raising a deck officer in rank from the deck officer’s present classification or pay rate to a higher classification or pay rate.
- CC. Regular Deck Officer
The term, “regular deck officer,” shall mean any deck officer regularly assigned to a vessel, route or assignment that is maintained during periods of minimal service.
- DD. Regular Position
The term, “regular position,” or “regular assignment,” refers to a position filled by a bid that is expected to be maintained during periods of minimal service of for at least one (1) year.
- EE. Regular Relief Master
The term, “regular relief master,” is a deck officer assigned by bid to a permanent relief position. The Employer and the Union agree to meet on a regular basis but not less than quarterly to discuss the specific number of relief masters, as well as the number of extended temporary relief master’s positions.
- FF. Regular Relief Position
The term, “regular relief position,” is a permanent position filled by bid with a regular deck officer, and which is expected to last at least one (1) year.
- GG. Route
The term, “route,” refers to regularly established passages or runs between permanent established terminals operated by WSF.
- HH. Scheduled Days Off
[Scheduled days off include vacation, comp, sick days, or days not worked as a result of reliefs scheduling 76-84 hours of work in the work cycle.](#)
- ~~HHI~~. Season
The term, “season,” refers to the four (4) annual bidding periods that roughly mirror the four (4) seasons of the calendar year. Should the number of seasonal bidding periods be increased or decreased, the parties agree to meet and bargain the effects of the changes to bumping and bidding practices.

JJ. Remedial Training

The term “remedial training,” is a mechanism by which an LDO or mate candidate may be directed to participate. This additional training may be offered as required by a Review Panel, or as mitigation of discipline, or as settlement of a grievance. This training is designed to meet the needs of the employer and the union which may include, but is not limited to, navigational, or administrative topics.

KK. Second Mate

The term, “second mate,” refers to a mate assigned to or serving on a vessel which is also manned by a chief mate.

LL. Seniority

The term, “seniority,” is that quality of rank possessed by a deck officer, with respect to other deck officers, acquired as a result of the deck officer’s length of service, either with the Employer generally, or in each classification of deck officers.

MM. Spouse

The term, “spouse,” means all persons such as a wife, husband or registered domestic partner as established by [RCW 26.60.030](#).

NN. Staff Master

The term, “staff master,” refers to the deck officers who is selected based upon seniority and the rules of [Addendum B](#).

OO. Straight Watch

The term, “straight watch,” is any watch other than a touring watch.

PP. Trainee Master

The term, “trainee master,” applies to a master that is added as an additional position to the normal crewing of a vessel for purposes of intensified and advanced training.

QQ. Touring Watch

The term, “touring watch,” is a watch in which the deck officer assigned is on duty for two (2) work shifts not to exceed sixteen (16) hours within one (1) twenty-four (24) hour period.

RR. Transfer

The term, “transfer,” is the reassignment of a deck officer from the deck officer’s regularly assigned vessel, route or watch to a new or different vessel, route, or watch.

SS. Underway

The term, “underway,” means that a vessel is not at anchor, or made fast to the shore, or aground in accordance with the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS).

RRTT. Vessel

The term, “vessel,” shall include all sea going craft, now owned or hereafter acquired by the WSF, which are engaged in the transportation of passengers, vehicles or freight on Puget Sound and connecting inland waters, on the Straits of Juan De Fuca, to the San Juan Islands, or to the ports of British Columbia. The parties agree to negotiate on a case-by-case basis the crewing of any temporarily chartered vessels for emergency service.

SSUU. Assigned Terminal

“Assigned terminal” is the terminal at which a regular LDO’s watch commences. When assigned to multiple routes, the assigned terminal will be designated by the Employer and will be so documented in the bids.

A relief LDO’s assigned terminal will be the employee’s home terminal.

TFVV. Home Terminal

“Home terminal” is the terminal closest to the employee’s home.

WW. Vessel In Danger of Not Sailing

A vessel is in danger of not sailing when dispatch has exhausted all options and resources, and has been unable to fill crew assignments to meet the regulatory requirements of the Certificate of Inspection (COI) within six (6) hours of the crew start time.

Once dispatch has exhausted all options and resources to fill crew assignments, including consideration of bumping up a qualified LDO on that watch, dispatch may announce via email or other communication methods that a vessel is in danger of not sailing. An announcement of a vessel in danger of not sailing may not happen greater than twelve (12) hours before crew start time. Once the email or other communication has been made, outgoing calls from dispatch shall pause for fifteen (15) minutes to allow employees to respond before recommencing.

XX. Floating Crew

Floating crews are positions that are scheduled for less than eighty (80) hours in a two (2) week work period. The crews have specifically assigned days they are required to be available for work to meet the eighty (80) hour straight time guarantee.

2.2 Other Terms

Unless the context of the particular Rule in question indicates otherwise, all other words and terms employed in this Agreement shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

RULE 3 - UNION RECOGNITION

3.1 Union Recognition

The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative of all deck officers and as their sole collective bargaining agent in negotiating and interpreting

agreements. The Employer also recognizes the right of the Union to intercede on behalf of its bargaining unit members in adjusting disputes.

3.2 Visitation and Inspection

All authorized representatives of the Union shall be allowed to enter the Employer's property and to board or travel on any vessel of the Employer's at all reasonable times. The Employer shall issue to any Union representative, a pass permitting visitation and inspection; provided, however, the Employer shall not be liable for any claim resulting from an accident involving a Union representative engaged in Union business.

3.3 Discrimination

The Employer shall not discriminate, in any manner, against any deck officer because of the deck officer's activities on behalf of, or the deck officer's membership in the Union.

3.4 Dues/Fees Check-Off

When the exclusive bargaining representative of a deck officer provides the Employer with written authorization to deduct dues/fees from the deck officer's wages, the Employer shall deduct the dues/fees from the deck officer's wages.

Effective for the duration of this Agreement and any extensions thereof, in the case of each number or applicant for membership or permit for whom the Employer has been provided with a duly executed authorization, which follows the guidelines of the National Labor Relations Act, the Employer will check-off, where applicable, the regular dues, [permit fees](#), service fees and/or initiation fees of such member, applicant. Or permit in accordance with the schedule provided by the Union. The monies shall be payable to the National Headquarters of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P) with a list indicating the employee's name, employee identification number, and dues and/or fees deduction amount. All monies deducted under the provisions of this Article shall be held by the Employer in trust for and be remitted to the Union on or before the tenth day of the calendar month following that in which they have been checked-off.

3.5 Dues/Fees Cancellation

A deck officer may cancel their payroll deduction of dues/fees by written notice to the WSF Labor Relations at laborrelations@wsdot.wa.gov and the Union. After the Employer receives the confirmation from the exclusive bargaining representative that the employee has revoked authorization for deductions, in compliance with the terms of the authorization card, the Employer shall end the deduction no later than the second payroll after the receipt of the confirmation.

3.6 Employer Indemnification

The Employer assumes no obligation, financial or otherwise, arising out of the provisions of this Rule. The Union shall indemnify and hold the Employer harmless by the Union and employees for compliance with any of the provisions of this Rule and any issues related to the deduction of dues/fees. If an error has been made in the amount of dues/fees remitted to the Union under [Section 3.4](#), upon notification from the Union of such an error, the Employer will expeditiously rectify the error.

3.7 Union Leave Bank

- A. All MM&P deck officers who are members of the Union, and have worked more than thirty (30) days as a deck officer shall donate eight (8) hours of vacation leave or compensatory time, annually, to a Union Leave Bank. However, if the deck officer has donated leave to the MM&P Union Leave Bank during the calendar year as a mate, the same deck officer shall not donate twice. All hours transferred to the bank are final and cannot be re-credited to an employee's vacation leave or compensatory time credits.
- B. The Vice President of the Union will submit leave bank withdrawal requests for negotiating committee members, or other designated deck officers, for official Union business purposes such as contract negotiations, executive meetings, grievance hearings, and other purposes as may be determined by the Vice President of the Union. Requests for withdrawal from the bank shall be made only by the Vice President of the Union, or their designee, to the WSF Human Resources Manager or their designee, on forms mutually agreed on by the parties and furnished by the Union.
- C. Requests for hardship waivers shall be made in writing and submitted to the Union.

3.8 Bulletin Boards

Provided space is available, the Employer shall provide bulletin board space of at least two by four (2x4) feet for the exclusive use of the Union and all bargaining units of MM&P. The bulletin board space shall be determined by mutual agreement. The use of such bulletin board space shall be restricted to the business affairs of the Union.

3.9 Union Insignia

A Union member shall have the right to wear or display a pin or button of the recognized insignia of the Union. The pin or button shall not be more than two by two (2x2) inches in size.

RULE 4 – SELECTION PROCESS**4.1 Present Employees**

The Employer agrees that, in the selection of deck officers in the classifications covered by this Agreement, the Employer shall select applicants who are presently employed on the vessels of the Employer, who are on the master's seniority list. Such selection shall occur pursuant to the subsections of this Rule.

4.2 Selection Process

Beginning no earlier than January 1st, and no later than March 15th of each year, the new master review process will be initiated by the employer to identify those mates with masters' licenses who are not part of the bargaining unit pursuant to this Section, who may be placed on the master's eligibility list upon completion of this selection process. The selection process shall be completed, and the Master's Eligibility List posted to the fleet before the beginning of regular bidding for the summer season.

A. Solicit Applications

The Employer shall offer application opportunities to mates with masters licenses. Mates with master's licenses shall apply to be placed on the master's eligibility list in a format provided by the employer. This will include submission of an application/letter of interest, and the submission of at least three (3) recommendations from current masters in the fleet on a form provided by the Employer. The evaluation/recommendation form will be developed in consultation between the Union and the Employer.

- B. Prior to the beginning or regular bidding for the summer season, new master applicants/candidates shall have documented through a sea-time letter generated by the Employer, a minimum of two thousand, eight hundred eighty (2,880) hours, or three hundred sixty (360), eight (8) hour days of sea-time as a chief mate on WSF vessels. Applicants who do not hold a regular chief mate position, may supplement the documentation of their sea-time hours, up to four hundred eighty (480) hours, with a maximum of four (4) hours per calendar day, on a form provided by the Employer and verified by vessel masters witnessing the applicant's watchstanding, navigation and handling of the vessel.

C. Structured Oral Exam

All candidates will be given a structured oral exam. The oral exam will be created in collaboration with subject matter experts (staff masters and masters). The oral exam panel shall include three (3) MM&P members and three (3) management members. The oral exam shall not be grievable.

D. Screen Applicants

The Employer will review the applicant's personnel and supervisory files to determine if there are documented performance issues that would disqualify them from the process. These deficiencies shall be shared with the applicant and the Union. Documented performance issues which would disqualify an employee from moving on in the process include, but are not limited to, documented repetitive violations of the WSF Code of Conduct, or discipline which has not been removed or is not scheduled to be removed from the employee's personnel file prior to the oral exam. In each annual application cycle, new master applicants/candidates whose sea-time review places them between two thousand, four hundred (2,400) hours, or three hundred (300), eight (8) hour days, and the required sea-time in [Subsection 4.2 \(B\)](#), may apply to be reviewed for a position on the Master's Eligibility List, and may be placed on the list upon documented completion of the sea-time requirements, between annual review cycles providing no documented performance disqualifiers, as per [Subsection 2.1 \(L\)](#) have occurred in the interim.

E. Application Review Panel

A structured oral exam panel will be convened at least one (1) week before the start of bidding for summer positions to review applications and supporting documentation of the candidates. The panel shall include three (3) MM&P members and three (3) management members. The panel will review all pertinent materials, including responses to the oral exam for each candidate and determine

suitability for command. The decision of the panel shall not be grievable. The panel shall make a majority recommendation to the Director of Operations of candidates to be advanced. The Director of Operations shall then make the formal offer of advancement to successful candidates. If the panel fails to reach a majority recommendation, the candidate will not be recommended for advancement. Those candidates who are not recommended for advancement will be given written notification of the decision with recommendations for areas of improvement and may be invited to reapply during the next selection cycle.

F. Masters Eligibility Pool

Employees who pass the oral exam and have met the application and review requirements of [Rule 4](#), will be ranked based on the master's seniority list to create or replenish a pool of no less than fifteen (15) eligible masters who do not hold a permanent master position. The Employer shall appoint candidates from this ranked pool in order of seniority. Employees may be removed from this pool for just cause.

G. Employees new to the master's eligibility pool who have not already attended leadership and management training shall request to be scheduled for this training at the earliest opportunity once the training has been developed and approved by WSF.

H. Employees new to the master's eligibility pool shall request a minimum of three (3) working days' break-in as per [Section 20.2](#) when awarded their first assignment as a master either through the optional or extended temporary bidding process. Up to forty (40) hours of break-in requested by new masters shall not be unreasonably denied.

I. Working out of Class ("Bump Up")

Members of the master's eligibility pool may be called by dispatch to "bump up" when vacant positions cannot be filled by relief masters. Any time a member of the master's eligibility pool works while bumping up, that time shall be applied to the required trial service hours.

J. Temporary Bump Up

Nothing in this Rule shall prevent the temporary bump up of a master with a master's license, who is not a member of the master's eligibility pool, in an emergency.

K. Masters whose names appear on the masters' eligibility list on June 30, 2023, are grandfathered onto the eligibility list without need for further application or review.

L. Nothing in this Rule precludes the Employer, after consultation with the Union, from initiating the selection process in addition to, but outside the annual cycle when the pool of available masters, who do not hold a permanent master position, drops below fifteen (15).

4.3 Trial Service Period

A. Once placed on master's eligibility list, employees shall serve a trial service period of one thousand, forty (1,040) non-overtime hours worked as a master. The trial

service period may be extended by mutual agreement. Any contemplation of an extension to the trial service period will be considered after the input of the oral exam panel described in [Subsection 4.2 \(C\)](#) who may, at their discretion, identify correctable performance deficiencies and require remedial training to be completed during the extension. With three (3) working days' notice, and with the concurrence of the oral exam panel, the Employer may reject an employee who does not satisfactorily complete their trial service period based upon documented performance deficiencies.

- B. Employees with permanent status with WSF who do not satisfactorily complete their trial service period shall be reverted to the employee's previous permanent job classification. Reverted employees must wait a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to reapplying to be a master.
- C. Trial service reversions are subject to the grievance procedure; however, the arbitrator's decision shall be limited to considering whether the Employer acted in a discriminatory, arbitrary or capricious manner.
- D. The hours mates with masters' licenses, who are not members of the master's eligibility pool, work out of class shall not be counted as part of their trial service period if they are subsequently promoted to master.

4.4 **Movement between Bargaining Units**

- A. A master may waive a master's position during the bid process and may bid on a mate's position provided they meet all mate qualifications.
- B. WSF shall have the right to fill all vacant master and relief master positions by assigning in inverse seniority order from the master's bidding list.
- C. Masters who do not have adequate seniority to bid on a master's position may bid on a mate's position based on the employee's mate seniority date.
- D. Masters on the master's bidding list shall be ranked by the employee's master seniority date.

4.5 **Notification of Project Assignments**

The Employer shall publish notice of project assignments. A copy of the published notice will be provided to the Union. An employee interested in being considered for an assignment may submit a resume to the WSF appointing authority for appointment consideration.

A. **Project Assignments**

The regular assignment for a deck officer who leaves to fill a project assignment that is scheduled to last more than thirty (30) days shall be open for bid as an extended temporary position.

If a project assignment continues for over one (1) year, the deck officer's regular assignment shall be open for permanent bid.

- B. Elimination of Project Assignment Lasting over One (1) Year
Whenever a project assignment that has extended past one (1) year is eliminated and the deck officer's permanent assignment has been bid out permanently, or the deck officer chooses to return to the fleet after filling the project assignment for more than one (1) year, that deck officer shall have the absolute right to exercise their seniority, as per [Section 20.10](#) - Elimination of Position.
- C. Promotion of Deck Officers Filling Project Assignments
Any deck officers working on project assignments shall be paid according to the classification of their permanent assignment. A deck officer working on a project assignment shall be allowed the right to promote during their project assignment, and shall be paid in accordance with the wages of their promoted classification.

RULE 5 - MANNING OF VESSELS

5.1 Compliance with Certificate of Inspection (COI)

All vessels shall be manned according to the United States Coast Guard COI as prescribed by law, and the certificate of all current and future vessels of the WSF. This manning requirement shall apply to all movements of a vessel under its own power. The Employer, at their discretion, may man a vessel at a level higher than COI.

- 5.2 A. When an employee is promoted at the commencement of a work shift in order to comply with the COI, due to the late arrival of another master or staff master, the promoted master shall be compensated at the higher salary on an hour-for-hour basis, with a two (2) hour minimum, until relieved.
- B. Should circumstances require the dispatch of another master, all promoted master's shall be paid hour-for-hour at the higher rate until relieved.
- C. In the event a mate with a master's license is required by operational necessity to upgrade to a master for berth shifts or push the dock, the mate shall be compensated at the higher salary on an hour-for-hour basis with a four (4) hour minimum. This does not apply to boat moves or sea trials.
- D. In all other instances, the mate shall be compensated at the higher rate of pay for the entire shift.
- E. Bypass pay is not applicable to this Rule.

5.3 Pilotage Required

- A. All vessels of the Employer, while underway, not under its own power, must be under the direction and control of a pilot, who possesses a pilotage endorsement for the particular waters through which the vessel is being moved.
- B. Only employees on the master's eligibility list who possess a pilotage endorsement for the particular waters through which a vessel is moved under its own power shall be authorized or permitted to move the vessel as its master.

RULE 6 - WAGES**6.1 Rates of Pay**

Masters will be paid a supervisory differential of a five percent (5%) separation between the classification of master and the highest rate paid, in any classification, for deck department employees who are either temporarily or permanently assigned to their watch, below them in the chain of command.

Relief masters will be paid at the base rate of twenty percent (20%) above the base rate for a regular master.

Staff masters will be paid at the base rate of seven and two one hundredths percent (7.2%) above the base rate for a relief master.

In addition to the supervisory differential above:

Effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, the following rates of pay shall apply:

| <u>Classification</u> | <u>S.T.</u> | <u>O.T.</u> | <u>80 Hours</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Staff Master</u> | <u>\$93.77</u> | <u>\$140.65</u> | <u>\$7,501.49</u> |
| <u>Master</u> | <u>\$72.89</u> | <u>\$109.34</u> | <u>\$5,831.38</u> |
| <u>Relief Master</u> | <u>\$87.47</u> | <u>\$131.21</u> | <u>\$6,997.66</u> |

Effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, the following rates of pay shall apply:

| <u>Classification</u> | <u>S.T.</u> | <u>O.T.</u> | <u>80 Hours</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Staff Master</u> | <u>\$97.52</u> | <u>\$146.28</u> | <u>\$7,801.55</u> |
| <u>Master</u> | <u>\$75.81</u> | <u>\$113.71</u> | <u>\$6,064.64</u> |
| <u>Relief Master</u> | <u>\$90.97</u> | <u>\$136.45</u> | <u>\$7,227.57</u> |

~~The masters bargaining unit will receive a general wage increase of six percent (6%) in year one (1) of the agreement. Effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the following rates of pay shall apply:~~

| <u>Classification</u> | <u>S.T.</u> | <u>O.T.</u> | <u>80 Hours</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Staff Master</u> | <u>\$83.38</u> | <u>\$125.07</u> | <u>\$6,670.4</u> |
| <u>Master</u> | <u>\$64.82</u> | <u>\$97.23</u> | <u>\$5,185.60</u> |
| <u>Relief Master</u> | <u>\$77.78</u> | <u>\$116.67</u> | <u>\$6,222.40</u> |

~~The masters bargaining unit will receive a general wage increase of five percent (5%) in year two (2) of the Agreement. Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the following rates of pay shall apply:~~

| Classification | S.T. | O.T. | 80 Hours |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Staff Master | \$88.38 | \$132.57 | \$7,070.40 |
| Master | \$68.71 | \$103.07 | \$5,496.80 |
| Relief Master | \$82.45 | \$123.68 | \$6,596.00 |

6.2 Calculation of Overtime Pay

Whenever the payment of overtime is required or authorized under any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, such payment shall be made at one and one-half (1½) times the appropriate straight-time rate of pay for each classification of employee receiving such pay consistent with [Rule 9](#) of this Agreement.

6.3 Calculation of Pay During Jury Duty

No employee shall be required to report for work on any day that the employee is called for jury duty, nor shall any regular deck officer be required to report for work during any calendar week in which the employee has been on jury duty for five (5) days. Each regular deck officer required to report for jury duty on a regular working day, whether actually impaneled on a jury or not, shall be paid their regular rate of pay for all hours the employee is scheduled to work that day. No payment shall be made for jury duty on a regular deck officer's assigned days off. Any regular relief deck officer required to report for jury duty, whether actually impaneled or not, shall be paid their regular rate of pay for all hours the employee is scheduled to work that day, not to exceed eighty (80) hours in any two (2) week work period.

6.4 Notwithstanding any other provisions contained within the Agreement or any practice previously used in the payment of wages to employees covered by this Agreement, all employees will be paid pursuant to [WAC 82-50-021](#) as now in effect or hereinafter amended by the Office of Financial Management (OFM). For purpose of this Agreement, the term, "pay date," will be those days designated by OFM as the official pay dates. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term, "pay period," refers to those periods from the first, to and including, the fifteenth of each month, and from the sixteenth, to and including, the last day of each month.

6.5 Penny Rounding Differences

Labor and management recognize that the statewide payroll system (HRMS) rounds payroll calculations to five (5) decimal places. Therefore, manual calculations using rates in the Collective Bargaining Agreement may result in penny rounding differences. The parties accept these differences do not require further payroll adjustments that would cause the employee to pay back penny rounding differences or for management to add penny rounding differences to an employee's pay.

RULE 7 - TRAVEL PAY AND MILEAGE

7.1 Calculation of Travel Pay

Whenever travel pay is required or authorized under any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, such payment shall be made at the straight-time rate of pay for each classification of deck officer receiving such pay, and for the appropriate travel time indicated in Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), attached.

7.2 Calculation of Mileage

When any deck officer furnishes the deck officer's own transportation under such circumstance as would entitle the deck officer to travel pay under any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, the deck officer shall be reimbursed, at the rate allowed by the OFM, for the use of private automobiles for the appropriate number of miles as indicated in Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), attached.

7.3 Alternate Route Travel (ART)

A. The parties agree that employees are entitled to be paid for ART in situations where the contract requires compensation for travel, and ferry service at a particular terminal is shut down for the night or otherwise unavailable, and the employee, of necessity, must drive to another terminal for ferry service, or must drive around rather than taking a ferry, the employee should be compensated for such travel accordingly. Similarly, if an employee is required to take two (2) ferries to reach a particular terminal because direct service is unavailable, then it is appropriate to compensate the employee for the travel time.

B. The parties agree to use [Schedule D](#), dated August 30, 2013, to compute travel time and mileage when direct ferry service is not available and an employee of necessity must use ART. The parties agree that [Subsection 7.3 \(C\)](#), as follows, delineates when direct service is unavailable.

C. Direct Service Unavailable

Direct service is unavailable between two (2) terminals when no ferry service is available directly between the two (2), as, for example, when ferries are tied up for the night on certain runs. Direct service is also unavailable when a deck officer must wait more than fifty (50) minutes from the end of the deck officer's scheduled watch until the next scheduled sailing on that run. When direct service is unavailable, deck officers entitled to travel time and mileage may use, and receive, travel time and mileage per [Schedule D](#) for alternate route travel from the deck officer's terminal of commencement to the deck officer's home terminal. In returning to the deck officer's home terminal, the deck officer shall exercise the deck officer's best efforts to minimize the cost to the Employer for travel time and mileage, consistent with the deck officer's safety.

1. The parties agree that each season the MM&P scheduling committee members and WSF management shall predetermine when and which watches shall use [Schedule A](#), or ART based on [Schedule D](#).

D. Due to the change in vehicle traffic patterns around the Puget Sound Region the Union and Employer agree to review Schedules A and D as needed, but at least annually, to consider alternative travel policies to mitigate the impact to employees and the system.

RULE 8 - HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENT

8.1 Establishment of Work Periods

- A. The principle of the eight (8) hour day is hereby established. For all practical purposes, eight (8) consecutive hours shall constitute one (1) work day. Forty (40) hours shall constitute a work week, and eighty (80) hours shall constitute a two (2) week work schedule. The following work schedules shall be observed:
1. Five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days followed by two (2) consecutive days off;
 2. Ten (10) consecutive eight (8) hour days followed by four (4) consecutive days off;
 3. Four (4) consecutive ten (10) hour days followed by three (3) consecutive days off;
 4. Eight (8) ten (10) hour days followed by six (6) consecutive days off;
 5. Nine (9) consecutive nine (9) hour days followed by five (5) consecutive days off totaling eighty-one (81) straight-time hours; or
 6. Five (5) consecutive nine (9) hour days followed by three (3) consecutive days and four (4) consecutive nine (9) hour days followed by two (2) consecutive days off totaling eighty-one (81) straight-time hours.
- B. By mutual agreement, additional work schedules may be observed.
- C. Employees that are working a schedule as defined in 3 or 4, above, shall be compensated at the straight-time rate of pay. Employees that are scheduled as defined in 5 or 6, above, shall have the option of having the eighty-first hour worked in a two (2) week period compensated at the straight-time rate of pay or credited with one (1) hour of compensatory time at the straight-time rate of pay.
- D. Operating crews assigned to extra service vessels may be required to work four (4) consecutive ten (10) hour days followed by three (3) consecutive days off.
- E. Deck officers on Anacortes-San Juan Islands and Sidney routes may be scheduled to work up to ten (10) hours in one (1) day or eighty (80) hours in a two (2) week schedule on touring watches as defined in [Section 8.3](#) of this Agreement, without incurring an overtime pay obligation.

- F. In cases where running schedules of vessels will not permit relieving of crew members at port of embarkation within the eight (8) hour day, the overtime penalty will not be incurred; provided, however, that no employee shall work more than nine (9) hours in one (1) day or eighty-one (81) hours in a two (2) week work schedule.
- G. Limitation on Flexing Shifts
1. For shifts of ten (10) hours, working hours may flex up or down one-half (1/2) hour or less in order to permit relieving of crew members at port of embarkation without incurring overtime, subject to committee process in [Subsection \(H\)](#).
 2. If schedules include offsetting eight (8) hour shifts, the WSF agrees to pay no less than eight (8) hours pay for working the short shift for all employees on single day dispatch.
- H. Committee Process
1. Before the Employer changes any printed running or crew schedules, the Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Inlandboatmen's Union (Unions) shall jointly be consulted to arrange crew schedules reasonably consistent with the health and safety of deckhands, masters, mates and pilots, and with properly and conveniently serving the customer, and to provide shifts for deckhands, masters, mates and pilots as provided above. The Unions will each name two (2) employees to a committee whose sole purpose will be to examine proposed changes to crew schedules and recommend improvements therein to the Employer. The said committee will meet as is necessary to meet crew schedule changes. Based on the employee's regular schedule, Union members will be paid for a minimum of eight (8) hours and a maximum of ten (10) hours at their regular straight-time rate of pay for each committee meeting. Committee meetings will be scheduled to allow time for travel within the eight (8) hour shift. Mileage will be paid as is appropriate. If management extends the committee meeting time, then travel time will be paid as appropriate.
 2. Should the Employer and the Unions not reach agreement over the proposed crew deck schedules, the Unions may elect to jointly file a grievance and proceed to expedited arbitration based on whether the schedule(s) are reasonably consistent with the health and safety of deckhands, masters, mates and pilots.
 3. In the event of such a dispute, the parties agree upon the following process:
 - a. The Unions and the Employer shall select an independent standing arbitrator (arbitrator) as would be deemed qualified to serve as an arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The Unions and the Employer shall meet and each will submit a list of

eleven (11) arbitrators using the strike method until an arbitrator has been selected.

- b. Within five (5) working days of receipt of a grievance being filed as referenced above, the parties shall schedule a meeting with the arbitrator selected. The meeting will be scheduled as expeditiously as possible, but in no event more than fifteen (15) working days from the receipt of the grievance unless otherwise mutually agreed to.
 - c. At the arbitration hearing, the arbitrator shall have sole and unfettered discretion to consider any evidence that is presented by the representatives, as well as to limit the length or volume of information presented. The arbitrator shall have the authority to question the representatives and their witnesses, and ask for further information, and to control the conduct of the meeting in any fashion.
 - d. Within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the meeting referred to in [Subsection \(c\)](#), above, the arbitrator shall inform the parties in writing of their decision. The decision shall not alter or amend the terms and conditions of the Agreement. The arbitrator will also include in their decision any analysis or reasoning on which the decision is based. Additionally, if the arbitrator finds the schedule not reasonably consistent with health or safety standards, the arbitrator will provide the parties' guidance as to the changes necessary to bring the schedule into compliance. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Union, the Employer and the grievant(s).
- I. All deck officers working regular assignments shall receive in wages not less than eighty (80) times the base straight-time rate for each two (2) week work period; provided, however, that such deck officers are available for work at the time scheduled by the Employer. Travel time, if any, shall be included within the scheduled work day, to the extent possible, when deck officers are assigned to move vessels to a different terminal or to a repair yard, and such vessel moves do not occupy the entire work day.
 - J. Watches shall appear in the seasonal deck schedule as an a.m., p.m. or graveyard shift(s).

8.2 **Relief at Terminal of Commencement**

All regular deck officers shall be relieved at the same terminal where they began their duties; and any such deck officer not so relieved shall be paid mileage and wages at the rate of pay applicable to the deck officer's classification, whether overtime or straight-time, for the total detention time involved. In returning to the deck officer's terminal of commencement, the deck officer shall exercise the deck officer's best efforts to minimize the cost to the Employer for travel pay and mileage consistent with the deck officer's safety.

A. Early Relieving Procedures

1. Employees may be properly relieved prior to the end of their scheduled watch and at a terminal other than the terminal where they began the duties.
2. The master shall know the work status of all watch-standers. Employees requesting to be relieved early shall inform the master of their request. The master retains the authority to deny any requests for early relief of any of their assigned crew.
3. Any agreement between employees to relieve early or be relieved early shall not violate the CBA manning levels.
4. Any agreement between employees to relieve early or be relieved early shall not be subject to grievance process.
5. Relief of master shall only be by the oncoming assigned master.
6. The early relieving of an employee shall comply with SMS crew dispatch qualifications and procedures.
7. The early relieving of an employee shall comply with USCG crew endurance standards. (No violation of the 12 in 24 Rule)
8. The ships log and the employees' time sheets shall document accurately any relief, to relieve early or to be relieved early.
9. Employees shall be compensated for only those hours of the watch they are scheduled whether relieved early or relieving early. (Example 1)
10. Overtime shall be paid only for the time actually worked beyond employee's scheduled shift whether relieved early or relieving early. (Examples 2 and 3)

Example 1

Employee A is scheduled to work from 0500 to 1300 (eight [8] hours). End of shift is 1300. Employee B is scheduled to work from 1300 to 2100 (eight [8] hours). End of shift is 2100.

Employee A is relieved early by employee B at 1200 hours.

Employee A shall be paid for eight (8) straight-time hours.
Employee B shall be paid for eight (8) straight-time hours.

Example 2

Employee A is scheduled to work from 0500 to 1300 (eight [8] hours). End of shift is at 1300. Action ring off is 1305. Employee B is scheduled to work from 1300 to 2100 (eight [8] hours). End of shift is 2100.

Employee A is relieved early by employee B at 1200 hours.

Employee A shall be paid for eight (8) straight-time hours.
Employee B shall be paid for eight (8) straight-time hours.

Example 3

Employee A is scheduled to work from 0500 to 1300 (eight [8] hours). End of shift is at 1300. Employee B is scheduled to work from 1300 to 2100 (eight [8] hours). End of shift is 2100. Actual ring off is at 2105.

Employee A is relieved early by employee B at 1200 hours.

Employee A shall be paid for eight (8) straight-time hours.

Employee B shall be paid for eight (8) straight-time hours and OT in six (6) minute increments.

8.3 Establishment of Touring Watches

The Employer may establish touring watches with the reasonable consent of the Union. When a touring watch is established, the employment of deck officers assigned to such watches shall be at the straight-time rate of pay for each such deck officer's classification. No tour may exceed a period of twenty-four (24) hours and there must be a minimum of eight (8) hours off duty between work shifts. Whenever the off duty time between work shifts is less than eight (8) hours, the deck officer's compensation will be continuous at the applicable overtime rate of pay. Further, no touring watch may exceed five (5) consecutive tours to be followed by no less than four (4) consecutive days off duty. Whenever such a touring watch has been established, it shall be subject to change under the same conditions.

8.4 Removal from Regular Assignment

Whenever any deck officer is required by the Employer to move from the deck officer's regular assignment and temporarily assigned to a vessel on a different route due to service disruptions or temporary route closures, and/or if the deck officer is to use the deck officer's private vehicle for travel between the deck officer's terminal of commencement and the deck officer's temporarily assigned terminal of commencement, each such deck officer shall receive travel pay and mileage for the distance between the regular deck officer's home terminal and the temporary relieving terminal, in accordance with Schedules [A](#) and [D](#).

Whenever a regular or relief LDO works overtime on a day off they will be paid travel time and mileage roundtrip to the terminal of commencement from their home terminal.

Travel time for training purposes will be computed using Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), and compensated from the terminal closest to the employees' home to the terminal closest to the training location. Travel time and mileage from the terminal closest to the training location to the training facility will be paid.

If a temporary assignment is expected to last thirty (30) days or longer, travel time and mileage will not be paid.

If a temporary assignment as a trainer or special project is expected to last thirty (30) days or longer, the deck officer's current position will be bid out as an extended temporary position. If the temporary assignment is expected to last one hundred (100) days or longer, travel time and mileage will not be paid past the one hundredth day.

When, due to vessel or terminal breakdown, any deck officer, excluding relief deck officers, is removed from their regular assignment to work another job in the fleet, such deck officers shall only be assigned by dispatch to work shifts on their own route, on their scheduled work day, and with like hours (start time within three [3] hours of the deck officer's regular start time). If there are no work shifts available on their own route, the deck officer will be offered all available jobs for the day and may choose to accept any job they are qualified to work, provided it does not interfere with scheduled work the following day.

8.5 Deck Officers Assigned to More than One (1) Route

A. Whenever any deck officer is assigned to more than one (1) route, the deck officer shall be assigned a primary terminal of commencement and shall be paid travel pay and mileage as required by Sections [7.1](#) and [7.2](#) of this Agreement, respectively, both to and from all such assignments, other than the deck officer's primary terminal of commencement. Such employees will be paid travel time and mileage to and from their primary terminal, regardless of the location of their home, to the location of their dispatched assignment which occurs someplace other than their primary terminal.

B. Removal from Regular Assignment

Whenever any deck officer is removed from the deck officer's regular assignment and temporarily assigned to a vessel on a different route, or if the Employer requires any deck officer to use the deck officer's private vehicle for travel between the deck officer's terminal of commencement and the deck officer's temporarily assigned terminal of commencement, each such deck officer shall receive travel pay and mileage for the distance between the regular deck officer's regular relieving terminal or the terminal nearest the deck officer's home, and the temporary relieving terminal, whichever is less, in accordance with Schedules [A](#) and [D](#).

C. Travel time for training purposes will be computed using Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), and compensated from the terminal closest to the employees' home to the terminal closest to the training location. Travel time and mileage from the terminal closest to the training location to the training facility will be paid.

D. Floating Crew

Floating crews are positions that are scheduled for less than eighty (80) hours in a two (2) week work period and have specific assigned float days that allow them to be available for fill-in work to meet the eighty (80) hour guarantee. On days the crew is not scheduled, they will be offered work from all available assignments by seniority prior to Reliefs initial selection as per Rule 29.4. A float crew employee will be paid travel time and mileage when dispatched away from their normally assigned terminal.

Prior to beginning Relief Initial Dispatch for the work cycle, all Float Crew employees shall be called by Dispatch between 0800 and 1900, by mate and master classification, in seniority order, and shall pick from available assignments.

Float Crews will have thirty (30) minutes to respond to the call. Float Crew employees are required to select an available assignment but may not be assigned work that intrudes on their scheduled day off. Failure to respond within thirty (30) minutes to select an available job will result in involuntary assignment to a watch with like hours (AM for AM, PM for PM) prior to the beginning of version calls. Failure to select work during the selection process, or failure to respond to involuntary assignment, will be subject to the WSF Code of Conduct, and guaranteed pay for those days shall be forfeited.

If no assignments are available, Floating Crews shall report to their regular assigned terminal with regularly scheduled shift hours.

8.6 **Relief Assignments**

All deck officers working as a regular relief deck officer as determined by current Letter(s) of Understanding between the Union and the Employer shall be assigned a home terminal as close as possible to their residence. Reliefs will not receive travel time unless otherwise noted elsewhere in this Agreement. When dispatched to Friday Harbor, reliefs will receive an additional five (5) hours of pay for each day assigned; connected touring watches will be defined as one (1) day for the purpose of this Rule. Friday Harbor and/or inter-island home ported employees will not receive any stipend pay. Mileage will be paid in accordance with the provisions of [Section 7.2](#) of this Agreement. If a regular relief deck officer is relieved at other than the deck officer's terminal of commencement, the deck officer shall be paid actual mileage and wages at the rate of pay applicable to the deck officers classification, whether overtime or straight-time, for the total detention time involved from the time and point of relief from duty to the time of arrival at the deck officer's home terminal. In returning to the deck officer's home terminal, the deck officer shall exercise the deck officer's best efforts to minimize the cost to the Employer for mileage, consistent with the deck officer's safety.

Relief personnel will be given a minimum of twelve (12) hours off prior to being called back to duty. The twelve (12) hour period begins upon completion of the scheduled work shift and ends upon reporting for the next shift. Note: this Rule does not apply to relief personnel working an established touring watch or for double backs. Whenever a relief deck officer on a touring watch is authorized mileage under any terms or provisions of this Agreement, such mileage will be paid for round trips when actually traveled.

Relief employees are required to maintain expertise and knowledge on multiple classes of vessels and are assigned throughout the system as needed. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Familiarization on multiple classes of vessels;
- Performing documented break-in on multiple classes of vessels;

- Proficiency in the operation of multiple classes of vessels;
- Knowledge of USCG stability requirements on multiple classes of vessels;
- Knowledge of system waterways including currents, tides, weather conditions and the effects on routes;
- Knowledge of specific emergency evacuation plans, safety systems, emergency equipment and ability to take charge of an unfamiliar crew during emergent situations; and
- Ability to perform lead duties over crew on multiple classes of vessels.

Mileage shall be paid only for travel actually performed to a location other than the employee's home terminal according to Schedules [A](#) and [D](#).

A. Number of Free Days

Regular relief deck officers shall be allowed three (3) consecutive free days in every two (2) week work period that will be repeated thereafter on a biweekly basis.

Regular relief deck officers who accept a job assignment on their free day(s) and have not worked over eighty (80) hours in the work period, will be paid at the straight-time rate of pay.

8.7 Extended Shifts for Relief Personnel

Relief deck officers may be utilized continuously for up to seventeen (17) consecutive days without the payment of overtime by the Employer; provided, however, that all relief deck officers shall have their days off assigned consecutively in all instances.

8.8 Compensation Related to WSF Training Classes

- A. There shall be no additional pay for early call outs or shift extensions for training classes.
- B. WSF will provide a minimum of ten (10) calendar days' notice to employees required to attend WSF sponsored training classes. With agreement between the employee and WSF, the notice period may be less.
- C. WSF will include a lunch period as part of the work shift for employees attending required training classes.
- D. WSF agrees to pay employees for their entire scheduled work shift for attending required training classes that are fewer hours than the employee's scheduled work shift.
- E. WSF agrees to pay employees overtime, in accordance with [Rule 9](#), for attending training classes that exceeds the number than the employee's scheduled work shift.

- F. Travel time for training will be computed using Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), and compensated from the terminal closest to the employees' home to the terminal closest to the training location. Travel time and mileage from the terminal closest to the training location to the training facility will also be paid. Travel time, if any, to the extent possible shall be included in the master's scheduled work shift.

RULE 9 – OVERTIME

9.1 Extended Work Shifts

- A. All overtime worked by an employee will be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the employee's straight-time rate of pay for time worked in excess of the employees work shift.
- B. First Hour of Overtime
Actual time will be reported but overtime will be paid in six (6) minute increments based on the following for the first hour: six (6) minutes, twelve (12) minutes, eighteen (18) minutes, twenty-four (24) minutes, thirty-six (36) minutes, and forty-eight (48) minutes.
- C. Overtime in Excess of One (1) Hour
For time worked in excess of one (1) hour, overtime will be paid at one and one-half (1½) the employee's straight-time rate of pay, in one (1) hour increments.
- D. Overtime in Excess of Five (5) Hours
If the extended work shift exceeds five (5) hours, pay shall be at the overtime rate with a minimum of eight (8) hours.
- E. Extended work shifts shall not be scheduled on a daily or regular basis. The Employer shall not abuse the use of overtime to avoid scheduling another crew.

9.2 Work on a Scheduled Day Off (Excluding Reliefs)

- A. Year round employees, excluding relief employees, who are called in to work on a scheduled day off and have a minimum of eighty (80) non-overtime compensated hours in the two (2) week work period will be compensated at the overtime rate of pay.
- B. In addition, they will receive a callback penalty of four (4) hours of pay at their straight-time rate of pay regardless of the length of the overtime shift or the hours actually worked.
- C. Employees working overtime on a scheduled day off will receive travel time and mileage as per [Rule 7](#). Travel time and mileage will be calculated from the terminal nearest their home.

9.3 **Overtime for Relief Masters**

- A. Relief masters shall be paid at the straight-time rate for all scheduled hours worked until they exceed eighty (80) hours in a work period or ten (10) work shifts in a work period. With the following exception:
1. If a relief has selected ten (10) days or eighty (80) hours of work in a work period and is called for an additional day of work, the relief will be paid at the overtime rate for the shift the relief has been called to work even if the relief has not yet worked the ten (10) days or eighty (80) hours in the work period;
 2. If a relief who worked an overtime shift, has one (1) or more selected shifts cancelled, the relief may be called to be reassigned to another shift only for the day or days in which selected shifts have been cancelled or the relief may work the cancelled shift at WSF's discretion; and
 3. If the relief does not accept the new job offered on the day of the cancelled shift or does not call back to dispatch within one (1) hour from the time of the call, the relief will lose their guaranteed pay for that day and will be paid at the straight-time rate for the overtime shift.
 4. If no jobs are offered on the day or days of the cancelled shift(s), the employee will be paid guaranteed pay for those days.
- B. All other work hours not on the printed deck schedule (e.g., boat moves, sea trials, etc.) shall be considered eight (8) hour work shifts and relief masters shall be paid overtime for any hours in addition to the work shift based on the eight (8) hour day and [Rule 9](#).
- C. Relief masters that work beyond a defined eighty (80) hour work period and have a minimum of eighty (80) non-overtime compensated hours in a two (2) week work period, will be compensated at their overtime rate of pay.

9.4 **Callback for all Relief Masters**

In addition to overtime in [Subsection 9.3 \(C\)](#), relief masters shall receive a callback penalty of four (4) hours of pay at their straight-time rate of pay, regardless of the length of the overtime shift or the hours actually worked.

9.5 **Examples of Overtime and Callback for all Relief Masters**

- A. A relief master who has worked or is scheduled to work between seventy-six (76) and seventy-nine (79) hours in a two (2) week period and is called to work extra hours shall receive:
1. X hours of straight-time to eighty (80) hours paid at the straight-time rate;
 2. X hours of overtime above eighty (80) hours paid at time and one half (1½) of the straight-time rate; and/or

3. Four (4) hours callback at straight-time, paid at their straight-time rate.
- B. A relief master who has worked or is scheduled to work seventy-six (76) hours in a two (2) week work period. If the relief master is called in to work for an additional eight (8) hour work shift or on a scheduled day off, then the relief master receives:
1. Four (4) hours pay at the straight-time rate;
 2. Four (4) hours of overtime pay at time and one-half (1½) of their straight-time rate; and
 3. Also receives four (4) hours of callback at their straight-time rate.
- C. A relief master who has worked or is scheduled to work eighty (80) or more hours in a two (2) week work period. If the relief master is called in to work for an additional work shift or on a scheduled day off, then the relief master receives:
1. A minimum of eight (8) hours of overtime pay at time and one-half (1½) of their straight-time rate; and
 2. Also receives four (4) hours of callback at their straight-time rate of pay.
 3. Also receives travel time from the terminal closest to their home per Schedules [A](#) and [D](#).

9.6 **Early Call Out**

Masters may be called out early, on their own watch, or to conduct a harbor shift or sea trial, prior to the start of their regular shift, and shall be paid for the early call-out period at the overtime rate of pay, in increments of one (1) hour. A master will not be called out early if the early call out will violate the USCG's twelve (12) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period rule. When a vessel is in danger of not sailing [as defined in Rule 2, LDO's called out prior to the start of their scheduled shift, to work a different shift, to cover any portion of an open shift before reporting to their scheduled shift,](#) ~~masters called out early to cover a shift out of classification,~~ will be considered covering a watch in progress and shall be paid a minimum of eight (8) hours at the overtime rate [with no call back pay. This shall not be applicable to an employee being heldover on a watch.](#)

9.7 **Calls to Return to Work**

When masters are required to return to work after completing a regular work shift and are released prior to starting their next regular work shift, they shall be paid at the overtime rate for a minimum of eight (8) hours.

9.8 **Work on Scheduled Days Off**

Any master required to work on the master's scheduled day off shall be paid at the overtime rate for a minimum of eight (8) hours, plus appropriate callback, plus travel time and mileage.

9.9 Captain Overtime Availability List (COAL)

The COAL provides a fair and equitable distribution of overtime among masters holding a permanent or extended temporary position.

- A. Masters desiring to work overtime, on their days off, shall submit a written request, including the routes/vessels for which they are available to be listed on the COAL.
- B. When the Employer has received at least four (4) hours of notice, the Employer is required to fill an overtime assignment using the COAL. Dispatch shall call and leave a message for a master describing all known overtime assignments including location and hours of overtime assignments. Confirmation of start time will be made if needed during a return phone call. If the master refuses an overtime job assignment, the master shall remain in the same position on the COAL.
- C. After the initial start based on seniority, the Employer shall utilize a system that rotates a master to the bottom of the COAL once that master has accepted an overtime offer.
- D. The Employer shall not be precluded from using any master in the event of an imminent service disruption.
- E. Masters who work overtime, on their days off, as part of training assignments, or special projects, shall report to dispatch that they have worked overtime and be placed at the bottom of the COAL. ~~go to the~~ bottom of the COAL.
- F. The Employer and the masters shall share the responsibility of keeping the COAL current. Masters shall supply the Employer with no more than two (2) contact numbers for the COAL.
- G. An updated COAL shall be published with each bi-weekly MM&P status report.
- H. If the Employer fails to offer overtime to a master at the top of the COAL, the Employer shall correct the missed opportunity by offering the master the next available overtime opportunity.
- I. When dispatching overtime, the dispatcher shall give an employee on watch fifteen (15) minutes to return calls for any overtime shifts that are scheduled to commence more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time the overtime call is made. If the employee fails to return the call within fifteen (15) minutes, the dispatcher may move on to the next available employee using the overtime availability list. All overtime shifts that become available, shall be dispatched at the earliest opportunity to prevent known overtime shifts from being dispatched with less than twenty-four (24) hours from start time.
- J. When dispatching overtime, before promoting a mate to master, the dispatcher shall give the last employee on the COAL who is available to work that day, fifteen (15) minutes to return calls for any overtime shifts that are scheduled to commence more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time the overtime call is made. If the employee

fails to return the call within fifteen (15) minutes, and there are no other employees available on the COAL, the dispatcher may promote a mate to master on straight-time to fill the position.

9.10 Masters Dispatched to a Mate's Position

- A. If a vacant job has not been filled within six (6) hours of crew start time, a vessel will be considered in jeopardy of imminent service disruption and dispatch may call any qualified LDO or retiree.
- B. Work Cycle Dispatch
Once the Mate's Overtime Availability List (MOAL) has been called at least one time, relief masters qualified to work mate who have less than seventy-six (76) hours of scheduled work shall be called to work open mate positions. The relief master has the option to accept or decline such mate assignments. If a relief master declines the work, no penalty shall be imposed. relief masters accepting such assignments will be paid at the relief master rate of pay.
- C. WSF shall make calls to fill jobs on overtime in the following order: First, mates on the Mate's Overtime Availability List (MOAL); second, masters who are qualified to work mate from the Captain's Overtime Availability List (COAL) and who shall be paid at their applicable master's rate of pay (master, staff master or relief master); and third, any retiree that may be available.
- D. Callback
When MMP Licensed Deck Officers (LDOs) work overtime in any capacity (master, staff master, relief master, chief mate, relief chief mate or 2nd mate) while working onboard a vessel and relief's that have between seventy-six to seventy-nine (76-79) hours and are called back for extra hours, "callback pay" shall be at their seasonal assignment rate of pay.

9.11 Mates Dispatched or Promoted to a Master's Position

- A. Once the Captain's Overtime Availability List (COAL) has been called at least one time, mates who hold a master's license and whose name appears on the master's Eligibility list shall be called by seniority to fill the vacant master position.
- B. If a vacant master job has not been filled within six (6) hours of crew start time, a vessel will be considered in jeopardy of imminent service disruption and dispatch may bump up a mate qualified per Paragraph 2A of this Agreement to the master's position on their own watch.
- C. Mates who are promoted to a master position shall be paid in accordance with [Subsection 29.9 \(E\)](#).
- D. Nothing in this Agreement prohibits Washington State Ferries from promoting any qualified deck officer to a master's position in an emergency.

9.12 Time Changeover

Overtime shall be paid to each master, at the appropriate rate, whenever a master is required to work an extended work day as a result of time changeover from Pacific Daylight Saving Time to Pacific Standard Time.

9.13 Compensatory Time**A. Accrual****1. Compensatory Time for a Work Shift**

A master may opt to accrue compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay for any work shift, or equivalent, for which they would otherwise be guaranteed a full work shift of overtime pay, as described in [Rule 9](#). Masters may elect compensatory time, or overtime, or a combination of both equivalent to the overtime rate of pay.

2. Compensatory Time in Increments of One (1) or More Hours

A master may opt to accrue compensatory time in lieu of receiving the overtime on an hour-for-hour basis for overtime hours worked in increments of one (1) hour or more.

3. Masters shall elect compensatory time or pay when overtime or holiday pay is accrued.**B. Maximum Compensatory Time**

There shall be no limit on accumulation of compensatory time, except as provided by Washington State law and/or regulation.

C. Compensatory Time Use**1. The Employer shall publish, on a monthly basis, a calendar showing time available for compensatory use. There shall be no fewer than six (6) slots per day, year round, available for compensatory time off.****2. Additional compensatory time off may be granted when a relief master is available for coverage.****3. A master who wants to use their compensatory time must submit a request to the Employer not more than one (1) year in advance, indicating the number of compensatory days off requested.****4. Compensatory time requests shall be approved by the Employer, solely on a first-come, first-served basis, unless, due to technical difficulties, the order in which the request(s) is received cannot be verified. Only in this case will seniority prevail for the time period in question.****5. ~~Compensatory time must be accrued prior to the relief selection process. The Vacation Scheduling Committee shall convene prior to the start of each season after the bids are finalized and prior to the publication of version 1. The committee will review the leave balances and compensatory time cancellations of LDOs to determine if they have exceeded the annual~~**

maximum of sixty-five (65) days of cancelled compensatory time reservations. If a deck officer does not have or will not have, based on verifiable expected automatic vacation and holiday accruals for the season, the compensatory time credit in their account as of the seasonal bidding process before the seasonal bidding period that includes the date(s) in question, the deck officer will be given the option to change the reservation to accrued vacation leave. If the deck officer does not have or will not have the accrued vacation leave or chooses not to replace the reserved compensation time leave with vacation leave, that reservation shall be extinguished by the committee who shall notify the MM&P Dispatch Coordinator, and the extinguished leave shall be offered to the next person on standby. The Vacation Scheduling Committee shall be paid in accordance with Rule 12.4 D. Employees that do not have adequate compensatory time credit in their account and take unauthorized leave without pay are subject to progressive discipline.

6. Short notice requests for the use of compensatory time by phone may be granted.

7. Relief Deck Officers

If a relief bids assignments and has selected or been assigned seventy-six (76) to eighty (80) hours of work during the work period without using their scheduled compensatory time off, the relief shall not use their compensatory time and the compensatory time shall be automatically cancelled. The cancelled compensatory time slot shall be offered to the next person on the standby list for compensatory time.

D. Compensatory Time Cancellations

1. Once compensatory time use has been approved, employees may only cancel a maximum of sixty-five (65) compensatory days per vacation calendar year. ~~the~~All compensatory time ~~request if the request to cancel is cancellations must be~~ made prior ~~to the initial selection for reliefs to~~ Version One (1) being emailed for the work period in which the compensatory day falls. With the following exception:

a. A master may cancel a compensatory time day off if the cancellation is due to the last minute cancellation of business between the Union and the Employer. However, the displaced relief may be called to be reassigned to another shift only for the day in which the compensatory time day off has been cancelled or the relief may work the cancelled shift at WSF's discretion.

b. LDO's who are working in special projects of greater than thirty (30) days duration shall have their compensatory request verified and approved but shall not be considered active on the compensatory request calendar at the start of each season, for that season. All

cancelled compensatory time will be offered to the next person on the standby list in as timely a manner as possible.

E. Accounting

An employee's earnings statement shall separately list the amount of accumulated compensatory time and holiday compensatory time the employee has accrued and used.

F. Compensatory Time Calendar Assignment

All members whose name first appears on, or have taken a deferral when offered vacation on the Master's Vacation Calendar, shall begin using slots on the Master's Compensatory Time Calendar beginning on the first day of the winter deck/sailing schedule in accordance with the following:

1. On the third Monday of October, all requests for compensatory time off that fall on the first day of the winter schedule and beyond, will be placed on the Master's Compensatory Time Calendar. These members will continue to request compensatory time off on the Mates Compensatory Time Calendar for any requested days that fall on or before the third Monday in October and the last day of the fall season.
2. Compensatory time conversions: All approved mate compensatory time requests previously made by the member that fall on the first day of the winter season and beyond will be converted to any open and available slots on the Master's Compensatory Time Calendar by November 1st. If the member is placed in a standby slot on the Master's Compensatory Time Calendar during the conversion, the member will remain in position on the Mates Compensatory Time Calendar until the day is moved from standby to available on the Master's Compensatory Time Calendar. All previously approved compensatory time off requests will be honored on either the Mates or Master's Compensatory Time Calendar. Members cannot occupy approved compensatory time slots on both calendars for the same day.

RULE 10 - HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

10.1 General Provision

The Employer shall take all reasonable and necessary precautions for the health and safety of the master.

- 10.2** The Union agrees to operate in compliance with the employer's Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace policy. Non-compliance may be grounds for discipline under [Rule 21](#). Changes to the policy will be bargained with the union, as needed to ensure a continued safe and healthy work environment.

10.3 Sleeping Accommodations on Touring Watch Vessels

- A. On all vessels where touring watches are in effect requiring masters to sleep on board between work shifts, the Employer shall furnish white sheets, pillow slips, mattresses and blankets in adequate quantity and condition for each master assigned to any such touring vessel.
- B. The issuance, assignment and exchange of bedding shall be the responsibility of the Employer and may be delegated to the terminal supervisors. Linens and other items of bedding shall be exchanged and replaced with clean items with sufficient regularity to insure sanitary and healthful sleeping conditions on board all touring vessels.
- C. Masters shall have separate and reasonably quiet sleeping environments. Master sleeping areas are to be equipped to provide cold and hot running water, adequate heating and lighting, and meet WISHA air quality standards as determined by WSF's Industrial Hygienist.
- D. No master shall be removed from the master's appropriate quarter.
- E. Any failure to comply with the above requirements shall entitle each master to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred for other sleeping accommodations.
- F. Where no appropriate public accommodations are available within twenty (20) miles from the terminal, the master, upon proper notification, shall be relieved after the commencement of the next assigned watch after completing one (1) round trip, or as soon as possible and paid at the overtime rate of pay.

10.4 Sleeping Accommodations for other Watches

[Subsections 10.3 \(A\)](#), [\(B\)](#) and [\(C\)](#), above shall apply for other than touring watches and sleeping rooms on a vessel may be used by masters on a first-come, first-served basis.

10.5 Legal Defense

If a master becomes a defendant in a civil liability suit arising out of actions taken or not taken in the course of the master's employment for the State, the master has a right to request representation and indemnification through WSF according to [RCW 4.92](#).

10.6 Biohazard Pay

- A. When the master, in the course of responding to a medical emergency, comes in unprotected physical contact with bodily fluids, this shall constitute a "biohazardous" substance exposure. A biohazardous substance is defined as blood, fecal matter or vomit emanating from the human body.
- B. A master shall be paid "biohazard" pay at the straight-time rate, for a minimum of one-half (1/2) an hour and in one-half (1/2) hour increments in addition to their regular rate of pay.

10.7 Potable Water

If the potable water system on the vessel is discovered to be unable to provide safe water for human consumption, WSF shall provide safe water for the crew within three (3) hours or as soon as is practicable.

10.8 Rest Periods

The Employer will make every effort to provide adequate rest periods to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the vessels in accordance with the United States Coast Guard’s Crew Endurance Management System (CEMS).

Under normal circumstances, no LDO shall be required to work more than twelve (12) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period. LDO’s may be required to work up to thirteen (13) hours in rare or emergent situations. Events that can be anticipated in advance are not grounds for exceeding the 12/24 standard.

Under no circumstances should an LDO who has worked beyond the thirteen (13) hour limit be dispatched to work the following day. LDOs who exceed the thirteen (13) hour limit will be relieved from scheduled duty the following day and compensated with guaranteed time equivalent to the watch hours previously scheduled.

All LDO’s on a regular watch, who have worked beyond eleven (11) hours, shall have a minimum of nine (9) hours rest, between the end of one (1) watch and the beginning of their next scheduled watch. Rest periods associated with established touring watches will be conducted in accordance with [Section 8.3](#).

In the event a relief, on-call LDO or LDO’s working overtime work beyond eleven (11) hours, the LDO shall have a minimum of eleven (11) hours rest, not including travel time, with the exception of established touring watches. Travel time shall be computed from the employee’s homeport to the terminal where the watch commences and returning from where relieved, to the employees’ homeport as described in Schedules [A](#) and [D](#).

LDO’s who deem they are fatigued beyond what is considered safe, but within the twelve/twenty-four (12/24) parameters of Crew Endurance Management, shall, with as much notice as possible, contact dispatch or the Watch Center as appropriate and may ask for relief from their next scheduled shift. Relief requests due to fatigue shall not be unreasonably denied. LDOs who are relieved due to fatigue, may compensate themselves for this rest period using sick leave for sick leave purposes, vacation leave or compensatory time.

RULE 11 – HOLIDAYS

11.1 Paid Holidays

Eligible employees will be provided with the following paid holidays per year:

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| New Year’s Day | January 1 |
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| Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday | Third Monday in January |
| Lincoln's Birthday | February 12 |
| Presidents' Day | Third Monday in February |
| Memorial Day | Last Monday in May |
| Juneteenth | June 19 |
| Independence Day | July 4 |
| Labor Day | First Monday in September |
| Columbus Day | Second Monday in October |
| Veterans' Day | November 11 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Fourth Thursday in November |
| Native American Heritage Day | Fourth Friday in November |
| Christmas Day | December 25 |

11.2 **Holiday Rules**

The following rules apply to all holidays:

A. Eligibility

1. A full-time employee who is employed before the holiday, does not work on the holiday and is in pay status for eighty (80) non-overtime hours during the month, not counting holidays, shall receive ten (10) hours of regular straight-time pay for the holiday.
2. An employee who is employed before the holiday, does not work on the holiday and is in pay status for less than eighty (80) non-overtime hours during the month, not counting holidays, shall receive less than ten (10) hours of regular straight-time pay for the holiday in an amount proportionate to the time in pay status during the month to that required for full-time employment.
3. An employee who resigns or is discharged or separated before a holiday will not be compensated for holidays occurring after the effective date of the resignation, discharge or separation.

B. Employees who work on a holiday will be paid two (2) times the regular straight-time rate of pay for all hours actually worked on the holiday, and up to three (3) hours of guaranteed holiday pay, for a maximum of ten (10) hours of holiday compensation, except in instances where an employee works overtime on the holiday as specified elsewhere in this Rule.

C. An employee may elect to receive compensatory time instead of being paid for the holiday.

D. Holiday compensatory time shall be reported separately from other compensatory time.

11.3 Unscheduled Work on Holidays

Whenever a master is called back or required to work on a regularly scheduled day off which falls on a holiday, the master shall be entitled to the hours worked on the holiday at three (3) times the regular straight-time rate of pay for all hours actually worked on the holiday.

11.4 Overtime Associated with Scheduled Shifts Worked on a Holiday

If a master works beyond their scheduled work shift on a holiday, the master shall be compensated for holiday overtime hours at the rate of three (3) times the regular straight-time rate of pay. In no event shall overtime worked on a holiday be compensated greater than triple time. Compensation for holiday overtime shall be computed in accordance with [Section 9.1](#).

11.5 Regarding the Use of Compensatory Time Off During Certain Holidays

- A. On or about August 1st of each year, WSF will make available six (6) slots for compensatory time off requests for each classification (master/mate) that may be granted for Thanksgiving Day and/or the day before Christmas and Christmas Day for the following year. This information will be forwarded to the Union and notification sent to all employees.
- B. A regular deck officer desiring to use accumulated compensatory time off for Thanksgiving Day and/or the day before Christmas and Christmas Day must submit a written separate request for each holiday listed in this paragraph to WSF on or before August 15th, indicating the desired compensatory day(s) off. Requests received after August 15th, will not be considered.
- C. The Union will conduct a lottery between August 16th and August 30th to select which written requests will be granted for each of the specific day(s). A list of alternate requests will also be determined, by lot. In the event an employee who was granted a request is unable to take such a granted compensatory time off, or a change has occurred such that the awarded compensatory time off falls on the employees' scheduled day(s) off and/or free day(s), the resulting reopened compensatory time slots will be filled from the list of alternates.

The Union will notify The WSF of the results of the lottery selections.

The WSF will verify employees' eligibility of the lottery results and notify the Union and employees of the granted requests and alternate requests.

- D. Employees must have or will have enough accumulated compensatory time off to be considered for the selection process. In the event an employee does not have accumulated compensatory time off two (2) weeks prior to any of the granted day(s) such days will be cancelled and the alternate employee will be awarded the time off.

RULE 12 – VACATION LEAVE

12.1 Vacation Leave Credits

After six (6) months of continuous employment with WSF, employees shall receive vacation leave they accrued during the previous six (6) months, according to the rate schedule and vacation leave accrual below.

12.2 Vacation Leave Accrual

- A. Full-time employees who have been in pay status for eighty (80) non-overtime hours in a calendar month shall accrue vacation leave according to the rate schedules provided below.
- B. Employees who have been in pay status for less than eighty (80) non-overtime hours in a calendar month shall accrue less vacation leave than the rate schedules below in an amount proportionate to the time in pay status during the month to that required for full-time employees.

12.3 Vacation Leave Accrual Rate Schedules

- A. The vacation leave accrual rate schedule shall be as follows:

| Months/Years of Employment | Hours per Month/Year |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Six (6) months | Forty-eight (48) |
| Seven (7) months | Fifty-six (56) |
| Eight (8) months | Sixty-four (64) |
| Nine (9) months | Seventy-two (72) |
| Ten (10) months | Eighty (80) |
| Eleven (11) months | Eight-eight (88) |
| Twelve (12) months | Ninety-six (96) |
| Two (2) years | One hundred four (104) |
| Three (3) years | One hundred twenty (120) |
| Four (4) years | One hundred thirty-six (136) |
| Five (5) years | One hundred sixty (160) |
| Seven (7) years | One hundred sixty-eight (168) |
| Nine (9) years | One hundred seventy-six (176) |
| Eleven (11) years | One hundred eighty-four (184) |
| Thirteen (13) years | One hundred ninety-two (192) |
| Fourteen (14) years | Two hundred (200) |
| Sixteen (16) years | Two hundred eight (208) |
| Eighteen (18) years | Two hundred twenty-four (224) |
| Twenty (20) years | Two hundred thirty-two (232) |
| Twenty-two (22) years | Two hundred forty (240) |
| Twenty-four (24) years | Two hundred forty-eight (248) |
| Twenty-six (26) years | Two hundred fifty-six (256) |
| Twenty-eight (28) years | Two hundred sixty-four (264) |
| Thirty (30) years | Two hundred seventy-two (272) |

12.4 Vacation Scheduling Committee

- A. Vacations shall be taken in accordance with the schedule prepared by the vacation scheduling committee, which shall meet annually to prepare a schedule for the next calendar year.
- B. Vacation periods for all employees shall be assigned from the master's ~~seniority~~ eligibility roster.
- C. Completed vacation bidding forms shall be submitted to the Bid Administrator, prior to October 1st. The ~~V~~vacation scheduling process will begin by September 15th and will be completed by October 1st 15th of each year. Following completion, results will be sent to ~~the all MM&P employee's home and a copy to all terminals.~~
- D. Compensation for the Vacation Scheduling Committee
The vacation scheduling committee shall consist of not less than two (2) representatives of the Union. Each member of the committee shall be paid, by the Employer, up to three (3) full days' pay at the employee's straight-time rate when performing committee duties. Additional day's to perform committee duties shall be approved by management as required. Travel time shall be paid on an hour-by-hour basis, only if the travel occurs outside the eight (8) hour work shift. Travel time and mileage will be calculated in accordance with Schedules A and D.

12.5 Vacation Pay Rate

Vacation pay shall be paid at the employee's permanent or extended temporary rate of pay.

12.6 Mandatory Vacation Leave

- A. Every employee with more than five (5) years of employment with the Employer shall take a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) hours in accordance with Section 12.10, except as noted below.
1. Every employee with two (2) years of employment with the Employer shall take a minimum of forty (40) hours of vacation leave.
 2. Every employee with three (3) years of employment with the Employer shall take a minimum of eighty (80) hours of vacation leave.
 3. Every employee with four (4) years of employment with the Employer shall take a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) hours of vacation leave.
- B. The vacation scheduling committee shall assign vacation leave to any employee who fails to submit a vacation bid request and is unreachable by phone.
- C. The commodore with the most seniority may choose their vacation without submitting a bid.
- D. Vacation bids shall be done by phone by the vacation scheduling committee beginning no later than the first Monday in October, with employees being called in seniority order, until all employees have been contacted. The master's vacation

calendar will be completed first after seventy-five (75) masters have been called for vacation selection. All other employees will be called in mate seniority order until the mate vacation calendar is full, or there is an excess of mates beyond the available forty (40) hour vacation blocks. All vacation bidding shall be concluded no later than October 15th of each year.

- E. In order to complete the phone calling in a timely manner, and reduce the time the employees must be available by the phone, all employees must be available for a phone call.
- F. Once an employee has been called they will have a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to declare their vacation selection. Extra time will not be given to an employee except in the case of an employee going to or from work or being at work and temporarily unavailable by phone.

12.7 Vacation Leave Deferral

With the approval of the Union, an employee may, for any reason, make a one (1) time only scheduled vacation leave deferral while working under this Agreement. A deferral may be from one (1) to twenty (20) days and shall constitute the one (1) time for any reason deferral. Vacation deferrals must be declared, in writing on the vacation bid form, prior to the annual vacation bidding process, or during the bidding call to the employee. One-time/any-reason vacation deferrals will not be considered after an employee has chosen their vacation blocks and the committee has moved on to the next call. Medical deferrals may also be granted on a case-by-case basis when agreed upon by the Employer and the Union and shall not count toward the one (1) time “for any reason” deferral. Medical deferrals may occur before or after a scheduled vacation.

12.8 Vacation Leave on Separation

Except for [Section 12.10](#) below, all employees shall be compensated for accumulated vacation leave when separating. Upon retirement, the employee’s accumulated vacation leave shall not exceed the maximum allowed by the Washington State Public Employee Retirement System.

12.9 Vacation Leave Maximum

- A. Each employee shall be entitled to accrue vacation leave not to exceed three hundred twenty (320) hours.
- B. However, there is one (1) exception that allows vacation leave to accumulate above the maximum. An employee may accumulate vacation leave in excess of three hundred twenty (320) hours as long as the employee uses the excess balance prior to their anniversary date. Any leave in excess of the maximum shall be lost on the employee’s anniversary date, except the year the employee exercises their right of deferral per [Section 12.7](#).

12.10 Employment of Less than Six (6) Months

Employees who have not completed at least six (6) months of continuous employment with WSF shall not be able to use their vacation leave credits nor will employees be entitled to

payment for their vacation leave credits. This Rule shall also apply to re-employed and re-instated employees.

12.11 Vacations to Coincide with Days Off

- A. Each employee will be sent a vacation bid request form and will select a “minimum” of four (4) calendar weeks of available vacation leave during the first work period of January through the last work period of December, consistent with the vessel work cycles. Vacation segments may be selected to begin or end with the employee’s regular days off or free days, except in cases of ten (10) or nine (9) day watches. In these instances, the vacation segment must begin or end with the employee’s days off. However, if an employee working on a nine (9) or ten (10) day watch desires to take two (2) consecutive bid vacation weeks between their scheduled days off, they will have the option to push their vacation back or forward so their vacation aligns with their scheduled nine (9) or ten (10) day work weeks. This allows them to have their scheduled days off before and after bid vacation blocks. The employee shall inform the Employer a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first day of their scheduled days off. In the event that the employee’s vacation is scheduled within thirty (30) days of a new schedule/season, or a new job assignment, the employee shall notify dispatch prior to Version One of the desired bid vacation being released (Saturday of week one [1] of any work cycle).
- B. Deck officers may choose to schedule their four (4) calendar weeks’ vacation segments to coincide with their free days, their scheduled days off as per [Section \(A\)](#) of this Rule, or from Sunday to Saturday of the week selected, provided no less than forty (40) hours of vacation leave is used, unless the employee’s scheduled hours on the vacation days off total less than forty (40) hours.
- C. Deck officers with approved vacation who wishes to begin and end their vacation to coincide with the seven (7) day vacation segment selected, must inform dispatch a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to that work cycle. If a deck officer bids onto a new watch at any time during the year and is unable to provide the thirty (30) days’ notice, they must inform dispatch as early as possible if they choose to request their vacation to begin on Sunday and end on Saturday for the week selected.
- D. Regular relief masters have four (4) Non-Paid Bid Vacation Days (NPBVD) in conjunction with their vacation. Two (2) of those NPBVD are scheduled at the end of their bid one (1) week, or two (2) week vacation block. Relief and extra relief masters may notify the dispatch coordinator, thirty (30) days or more in advance of the work period in which their vacation will begin if they would like their two (2) extra NPBVD to follow their assigned one (1) week or two (2) week vacation block. If such notification is not made thirty (30) days or more in advance, by default, relief and extra relief masters shall have their two (2) extra NPBVD scheduled before their vacation block.

Consistent with [Subsection 2.1 \(S\)](#), free days shall not be used during bid vacation blocks.

E. LDOs who are working in special projects of greater than thirty (30) days duration shall have their vacation request verified and approved but shall not be considered active on the compensatory request calendar at the start of each season, for that season. LDO's who are working in special projects that continue through their forty (40) hour bid vacation blocks will notify the Bid Administrator and the union that they will not need relief from their jobs to take vacation and that the scheduled vacation block(s) should be put out to the fleet in a lottery.

12.12 Use of Sick Leave in Lieu of Vacation

In the event that an employee becomes ill, injured, or incapacitated for a period of three (3) consecutive days or more while on vacation, the employee may use sick leave in lieu of vacation days for the period of such illness, injury, or incapacity.

12.13 Use of Vacation Leave for United States Coast Guard (USCG) Delays of Pilot Medical Certificate Renewal

When an employee's renewal of their first class federal pilot endorsement is delayed by the USCG due to medical issues as a result of the employee's annual physical, employees may use sick leave for sick leave purposes, vacation leave, compensatory time and leave without pay as necessary.

12.14 Employee Initiated Cancellation of Scheduled Vacations

- A. Employee-requested cancellations due to medical reasons of any portion of a scheduled vacation must be submitted in writing to the Employer in advance of the scheduled vacation. The request is subject to approval by the Operations Center Port Captain after consultation with the Union.
- B. In the event of vacation cancellations at least thirty (30) days in advance, WSF shall notify all deck officers of the available vacation dates by Quick Notice.
- C. The open vacation dates shall be filled by a deck officer. Cancelled vacation dates will be assigned by a lottery drawing by the vacation committee.
- D. Any vacation dates won by lottery will be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, the employee's currently assigned vacations. The employee may use compensatory time or vacation leave for the additional vacation dates.
- E. An employee may cancel a vacation leave day if the cancellation is due to the last minute cancellation of business between the Union and the Employer. However, the displaced relief may be called to be reassigned to another shift only for the day in which the vacation leave day has been cancelled or the relief may work the cancelled shift at WSF's discretion.

12.15 Transfer

To the extent allowed by state law, all accumulated vacation leave credits shall follow any employee who is transferred to another department of the state of Washington.

RULE 13 - MAINTENANCE AND CURE

13.1 Daily Maintenance Rate

- A. When any deck officer in the service of a vessel is entitled to daily maintenance, it shall be at the rate of forty dollars (\$40.00) per day.
- B. In addition and separate from [Subsection \(A\)](#), above, for up to ninety (90) days, WSF shall pay a wage supplement of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per day which shall cease on the ninetieth day. In the event of a Jones Act judgment, the supplemental amount paid by WSF shall be credited to mitigate any Jones Act judgment against WSF.

13.2 Hospital Transportation

Emergency transportation to and from the hospital shall be furnished by the Employer if a deck officer becomes ill or injured while on duty.

13.3 Withholding of Benefits

Wages, or maintenance and cure shall not be withheld from any deck officer because the employee has or intends to file a claim or a suit for damages, regardless of the Employer's arrangements with an insurance company.

RULE 14 - SICK LEAVE

14.1 Sick Leave Accrual

- A. Full-time employees who have been in pay status for eighty (80) non-overtime hours in a calendar month shall accrue eight (8) hours of sick leave credit. An employee is entitled to use accrued, unused paid sick leave beginning on the ninetieth calendar day after the commencement of their employment.
- B. Sick leave accruals for employees working less than eighty (80) non-overtime hours will be proportionate to the number of hours the employee is in pay status during the month to that required for full-time employees.
- C. Sick leave credits shall accumulate.

14.2 Vacation Leave Used in Lieu of Sick Leave

A deck officer may use vacation leave in lieu of sick leave. Employees may not use sick leave in lieu of vacation leave, except as provided in [Rule 12](#), Vacation Leave.

14.3 Employee Illness or Injury

Sick leave may be claimed or taken, from accumulated days of sick leave credit, by any deck officer for an injury, illness, or disability, which incapacitates them to the extent that they are unable to perform the deck officer's work.

14.4 Death in a Deck Officer's Family

Sick leave, up to ten (10) days in any one (1) instance, may be used for [the loss of pregnancy, \(a qualifying pregnancy is defined as the pregnancy of the employee, or](#)

employee parent-to-be, including through surrogacy or adoption, where the employee would have been the parent), a death-in the immediate of a family member of a deck officer or to attend the funeral of a member of the deck officer's immediate-family. For the purposes of this Rule, family member shall be defined as follows:

- A. aAny relative living in the deck officer's household, the deck officer's spouse, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, aunt, uncle, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, and also includes any individual who regularly resides in the employee's home or where the relationship creates an expectation that the employee care for the person, and that individual depends on the employee for care. "Family member" includes any individual who regularly resides in the employee's home, except that it does not include an individual who simply resides in the same home with no expectation that the employee care for the individual.
- B. Child means a biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, a child's spouse, or for whom the employee stands in loco parentis, is a legal guardian or is de facto parent, regardless of age or dependency status.
- C. Grandchild means a child of the employee's child.
- D. Grandparent means a parent of the employee's parent.
- E. Parent means biological, adoptive, de facto, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child.
- F. Spouse means husband or wife, as the case may be or state registered domestic partner as defined by RCW26.60.

Upon request and with the demonstration of a good reason, the Employer may approve up to ten (10) days of additional sick leave for the death of a close relative.

14.5 Extension of Wages

Whenever a deck officer is injured or contracts a contagious or infectious disease in the line of duty, the deck officer's wages may be extended by the Employer.

14.6 Illness in the Family

Sick leave, up to ten (10) days in any one (1) instance, may be used by a deck officer, after notifying the employee's port captain's office, when a member of the deck officer's immediate family, as defined in [Section 14.4](#), is ill or injured.

14.7 Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave

- A. The parties recognize that the Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program ([RCW 50A.05](#)) became effective January 1, 2020, and eligibility for and approval for leave for purposes as described under that program shall be in accordance with [RCW 50A](#).

- B. The employee will provide the Employer with not less than thirty (30) days' notice before PFML is to begin. If the need for the leave is unforeseeable thirty (30) days in advance, the employee will provide such notice as is reasonable and practicable.
- C. PFML Insurance Program Premiums
The Employer will deduct premium amounts from the wages of each employee in accordance with [RCW 50A.10.030](#). The Employer will not pay any portion of the employee's share of the premium for family leave or medical leave benefits, or both.
- D. Supplemental Benefit – Use of Accrued Vacation Leave, Sick Leave and/or Compensatory Time
Employees may designate accrued vacation leave, sick leave and/or compensatory time as a supplemental benefit while receiving a partial wage replacement for paid family and/or medical leave under the Washington State PFML Insurance Program, [RCW 50A](#). The Employer may require verification that the employee has been approved to receive benefits for paid family and/or medical leave under [RCW 50A](#) before approving leave as a supplemental benefit.
- E. Family Medical Leave Act
Consistent with the federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) and any amendments thereto, an LDO who has worked for the state for at least twelve (12) months and for at least one thousand, two hundred fifty (1,250) hours during the twelve (12) months prior to the requested leave is entitled to up to twelve (12) workweeks of FMLA in a twelve (12) month period for one (1) or more of the following reasons:
1. Parental leave for the birth and to care for a newborn child, or placement for adoption or foster care of a child and to care for that child.
 2. Personal medical leave due to the employee's own health condition that requires the employee's absence from work.
 3. To care for a spouse, son, daughter, or parent, who suffers from a serious health condition that requires on-site care or supervision by the employee.
 4. Family medical leave for a qualifying exigency when the employee's spouse, child of any age or parent is on active duty or called to active duty status of the Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard for deployment to a foreign country. Qualifying exigencies include attending certain military events, arranging for alternate childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.
 5. Military caregiver leave will be provided to an eligible employee who is the spouse, child of any age, parent or next of kin of a covered service member. Eligible employees may take up to twenty-six (26) workweeks of leave in a single twelve (12) month period to care for the covered service member or

veteran who is suffering from a serious illness or injury incurred in the line of duty.

During a single twelve (12) month period during which military caregiver leave is taken, the employee may only take a combined total of twenty-six (26) weeks of leave for military caregiver leave and leave taken for the other FMLA-qualifying reasons.

The single twelve (12) month period to care for a covered service member or veteran begins on the first day the employee takes leave for this reason and ends twelve (12) months later, regardless of the twelve (12) month period established for other types of FMLA leave.

6. Entitlement to FMLA leave for the care of a newborn child or newly adopted or foster child ends twelve (12) months from the date of birth or placement of the foster or adopted child.
7. The one thousand, two hundred fifty (1,250) hour eligibility requirement noted above does not count paid time off such as vacation leave, sick leave, exchange time, personal holidays, compensatory time off or shared leave.
8. The FMLA entitlement period will be a rolling twelve (12) month period measured forward from the date the employee begins FMLA. Each time an employee takes FMLA during the twelve (12) month period, the leave will be subtracted from twelve (12) work weeks of available leave.
9. The Employer will continue the employee's existing Employer-paid health insurance, life insurance and disability insurance benefits during the period of leave covered by FMLA. The employee will be required to pay their share of health insurance, life insurance and disability insurance premiums.
10. The Employer has the authority to designate absences that meet the criteria of the FMLA. The employee may use either accrued paid leave or leave without compensation when taking leave for an FMLA-qualifying event or purpose. The use of any paid or unpaid leave (excluding leave for a work-related illness or injury) for an FMLA-qualifying event will run concurrently with, not in addition to, the use of FMLA for that event.
11. The Employer may require certification from the employee's, family members or the covered service member's health care provider for purposes of qualifying for FMLA.
12. Upon returning to work after the employee's own FMLA-qualifying illness, the employee will be required to provide a fitness for duty certificate from a health care providers.
13. The employee will provide the Employer with not less than thirty (30) days' notice before FMLA is to begin. If the need for the leave is unforeseeable

thirty (30) days in advance, then the employee will provide such notice as is reasonable and practicable.

14.8 Time Sheet Required

No payment of wages for sick leave shall be made until a time sheet is submitted by the deck officer, or in the case of the employee's incapacity by a WSF supervisory employee, and received by payroll indicating the use of sick leave.

14.9 Sick Leave Reporting and Verification

A. Sick Leave Reporting

In order to schedule relief, a deck officer shall make every attempt to notify dispatch at least four (4) hours prior to their scheduled time to report to work. Deck officer's shall notify dispatch on the first day of sick leave and each day after unless there is mutual agreement to do otherwise.

B. Sick Leave Exceeding Five (5) Work Days

For sick leave of more than five (5) working days, the deck officer shall secure a written medical statement from their doctor to support the use of sick leave. Statements should be sent in as soon as possible after the period of absence is over.

C. Sick Leave of Less than Five (5) Working Days

The Employer may require a written statement from the deck officer's doctor to support the use of sick leave of five (5) working days or less.

14.10 Compensation from Other Sources

No sick leave claims shall be honored for time loss for which the deck officer is receiving state of Washington Industrial Insurance time loss payments (Workers' Compensation), or daily maintenance in [Section 12.1](#).

14.11 Transfer

To the extent allowed by state law, all accumulated sick leave credits shall follow any deck officer who is transferred to another department of the state of Washington.

14.12 Sick Leave on Termination

Each deck officer's sick leave credits are cancelled automatically upon their termination of service. Terminated deck officers do not receive sick leave credit for the month in which they terminate unless they work at least eighty-four (84) hours in the month.

14.13 Sick Leave Separation Cash Out

At the time of retirement from state service or at death, an eligible deck officer or their estate shall receive cash for their total sick leave balance on a one (1) hour for four (4) hours basis. For the purposes of this Section, retirement shall not include "vested out of service" employees who leave funds on deposit with the retirement system.

14.14 Use of Sick Leave for US Coast Guard (USCG) Delays of Pilot Endorsement Renewal

When a deck officer's renewal of their first class federal pilot endorsement is delayed by the USCG due to medical issues as a result of the deck officer's annual physical, employees

may use sick leave for sick leave purposes, vacation leave, compensatory time and leave without pay as necessary.

14.15 Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Associations (VEBAs)

In accordance with state and federal law, the bargaining unit has agreed to form a VEBA (tax-free medical spending accounts) funded by the retiree's sick leave cash out in [Section 14.13](#), above. Should the bargaining unit wish to conduct a vote to determine whether a VEBA will continue for the next calendar year, the Union must notify the Employer by July 1st.

RULE 15 - SEVERANCE PAY

15.1 Calculation of Severance Pay

Claims for severance pay for any master who loses employment because of the abandonment of ferry routes due to the construction of bridges or tubes, or privatization, shall be based on one (1) month's pay for each year of service after taking into consideration the employee's seniority, residence and locale of any employment offered.

15.2 Elections Upon Severance

It is further agreed that details of [Section 15.1](#) shall be negotiated by the parties should the above situations ever occur.

RULE 16 - PASSES

16.1 Employment of Six (6) Months or More

The Employer shall, upon application, issue to any deck officer continuously employed for at least six (6) months, annual passes authorizing free passage for the deck officer, their spouse and dependents, as well as for the deck officer's motor vehicle and recreation vehicle, including a trailer, on all vessels of the Employer.

16.2 Employment of Two (2) Years or More

The Employer shall, upon application, issue to any deck officer continuously employed for at least two (2) years, an additional annual vehicle pass authorizing free vehicle passage for their spouse, on all vessels of the Employer.

16.3 Leaving Employment with WSF

Any deck officer who leaves employment with WSF shall immediately surrender to the Employer all passes held by the deck officer or their spouse and dependents, except as provided in [Section 16.4](#), below.

16.4 Retired or Disabled Deck Officers

The Employer shall, upon application, issue to any deck officer who is retired under the provisions of the Public Employees Retirement System, or who is totally disabled, annual passes authorizing free passage for the deck officer, their spouse and dependents, as well as for their motor vehicle and recreation vehicle, including a trailer on all vessels of the Employer.

Any deck officer that is retired from WSF, and is issued annual passes as described above, shall follow all WSF Pass Use Policies, and be subject to and remain in compliance with Sections [16.5](#), [16.6](#) and [16.7](#) of this Agreement.

16.5 Exceptions to Use of Pass

- A. No passes of any kind shall be used for the purpose of commuting to or from employment other than employment with the WSF.
- B. Vehicle passes shall be used only on a space available basis, and shall not be used between Anacortes and Sidney from June 15 to September 10. However, any exceptions to the pass privileges on the Anacortes to Sidney route between June 15 and September 10 will be in accordance with WSF policy.
- C. Nothing contained in [Section 16.5](#) shall be construed as applying to any deck officer engaged in traveling to or from work with the Employer.

16.6 Vehicle Passes

- A. Vehicle ferry passes are intended to be used for vehicles that the deck officer and/or their spouse have registered, leased or rented. Upon request, the vehicle registration or lease/rental agreement shall be shown when using passes.
- B. Vehicle passes will not be used to evade a ferry fare. A vehicle not registered, leased or rented by a deck officer and/or their spouse shall be subject to verification by terminal staff. Any pass holder, who is uncooperative in the verification process, shall be subject to WSF Code of Conduct.

16.7 Violation of Pass Policies

- A. Any deck officer, deck officer's spouse or the deck officer's dependent(s) who knowingly violates WSF Pass Use Policies will be subject to:
 - 1. A three (3) month suspension of all pass privileges for a first offense;
 - 2. A one (1) year suspension of all pass privileges for a second offense; and
 - 3. Permanent revocation of all pass privileges for a third offense.
- B. The Employer shall publish and provide to the employees and the Union a copy of the rules, regulations and policies concerning pass usage.

RULE 17 – ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

17.1 Required Uniform

- A. Deck officers are required to wear a standard uniform, which is as follows:
 - 1. Black pants;
 - 2. All black shoes (no sandals and clogs) with closed back and toe;
 - 3. Black socks;

4. White uniform shirts with shoulder boards (no polo shirts);
 5. Black jacket or coat, and appropriate to the weather and work conditions. Rain gear may be worn as needed.
 6. A Union member shall have the right to wear or display a pin or button or patch of the recognized insignia on the Union. The pin, button or patch shall not be more than two by two (2x2) inches in size.
 7. A regulation uniform cap, black watch cap or approved baseball cap with gold braid and WSF insignia may be worn as an optional part of the uniform.
- B. When needed for additional warmth, a black sweater or light jacket may be worn.
- C. Uniforms shall be clean and neatly pressed at all times.

17.2 Uniform Allowance

- A. The Employer shall pay each deck officer an allowance for the purchase, maintenance and cleaning of uniforms one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per year. The uniform allowance shall be divided into two (2) equal payments to be made during the months of April and October of each year.
- B. Cessation of Employment
Deck officers leaving WSF for any reason shall be paid accrued uniform allowance at the rate of thirty dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$30.77) per two (2) week work period, retroactively. There shall be no deductions for vacation leave, compensatory time used, sick leave, or leave taken to upgrade a license.

17.3 Navigation Equipment Allowance

- A. Each deck officer shall be reimbursed up to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for navigational equipment in their fifth year of service as a mate and every five (5) years thereafter.
- B. All reimbursement for navigational equipment requires the employee to provide receipts to the Employer.
- C. The Employer shall supply annually to each deck officer one (1) tide and current tables.

17.4 Tuition and Wage Reimbursement

- A. Upon written request and the approval of WSF, and successful completion, the Employer shall reimburse all of a ~~LDO's deck officer's~~ tuition costs, and a deck officer's wages, for up to ten (10) days whenever a ~~deck officer~~LDO attends any class, seminar, course, school or institution, or course of self-study for the purpose of:
1. Upgrading the ~~deck officer's~~LDO's license;
 2. Extending the ~~deck officer's~~LDO's license; or

3. Increasing the ~~deck officer's~~LDO's qualifications as a ~~deck officer~~master; or
4. Increasing the scope of pilotage on the LDO's license, for routes specifically utilized by WSF.

As long as the class, seminar, course, school, ~~or~~ institution, or course of self-study pre-approved by WSF pertains to the operations of WSF.

- B. WSF agrees to pay, as agreed upon by WSF and the deck officer, all of the deck officer's tuition costs, and the deck officer's wages, for up to three (3) days for the renewal of a radar license.

C. Pilotage Opportunities for Current Fleet LDOs.

Current fleet LDOs, whose names appear on the seniority list(s) will be offered opportunities to gain pilotage trips to expand the endorsements on their license when those opportunities arise. Regular employees may request through the Port Captain's office, relief from their shift to attend pilotage opportunities to gain Pilotage. This includes, but is not limited to expanding their pilotage endorsements outside the designated ferry routes such as the Duwamish Channel, Guemes Channel, Bellingham Harbor, Eastern Straits, terminal ports and shipyards etc. If WSF determines there is a limitation on the number of pilotage riders aboard for these trips, regular employees will have preference over mates in training for these opportunities. If an LDO is available to cover, the request for relief shall not be unreasonably denied. Relief from duty may be paid at the straight time rate of pay. Upon confirmation of a USCG pilotage exam being scheduled, and prior approval by WSF, LDOs may request up to ~~ten~~ five (105) days for self-study and testing and be compensated as per this rule. Such requests for time off shall not be unreasonably denied. Requests for additional time off to study and test, using the employee's leave balances may be granted, and shall not be unreasonably denied.

17.5 License and Other Document Renewal Allowances

All employees with a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) and Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) must start their renewal process by turning into the USCG all required forms a minimum of three (3) months in advance of their current MMC or TWIC expiration. Seven (7) months prior to expiration, the Employer will email employees at the employees WSF email address, notice of their MMC or TWIC expiring. At least six (6) months in advance of the current MMC or TWIC expiring, the Employer shall provide to the employee all relevant documentation. Any employee who fails to start the renewal process three (3) months prior to their current MMC or TWIC expiration date, and their MMC or TWIC expires, shall be off work without pay until they receive their new documents and shall not be returned to work until the next work cycle after receiving their renewed MMC or TWIC, except as in [Section 14.14](#). If an employee is off work, the employee may request a review by the Employer of the circumstances so that the employee does not jeopardize their health insurance benefits. Should the Employer fail to provide all

relevant documentation consistent with the six (6) month timeline above, and the employees MMC or TWIC is not renewed as a result, the Employer shall review the circumstances on a case-by-case basis and the employee may be placed on administrative leave until their MMC or TWIC is renewed, if warranted.

The Employer shall ~~pay~~ reimburse the cost of all license and document renewal up to three hundred, twenty dollars (\$325.00) ~~two hundred twenty five dollars (\$225.00)~~ at five (5) year intervals for license renewals associated with obtaining a deck officer's license, MMC and TWIC as required by regulatory agencies.

17.6 Physical Exams for United States Coast Guard Pilot Medical Certificate Renewals

The Employer shall pay the cost of physical examinations for maintaining pilotage endorsements on an annual basis in accordance with 46 CFR 11.709 (b), and as required by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for license renewals. The physical examinations shall be conducted by physicians designated by the Employer, and proof of successfully passing the examination shall be furnished to the Employer. The Employer shall provide documented authorization for the annual USCG physical at least seven (7) months in advance of the expiration date for the pilot physical. LDOs will schedule their annual pilot physical in due time to avoid their Medical Certificate (MC) from expiring. The Employer will send a reminder to the employee three (3) months before the expiration of the pilot medical certificate. The employee is responsible for reporting the results of the physical to the Employer and/or the USCG as appropriate. Should the Employer fail to provide all relevant documentation consistent with the seven (7) month timeline above, and the employees MC is not renewed as result, the Employer shall review the circumstances on a case-by-case basis and the employee may be placed on administrative leave until their MC is renewed, if warranted.

17.7 Reimbursement for Property Loss

Upon providing the Employer with an itemized list, including replacement costs, each deck officer shall be reimbursed, at replacement cost, for the loss of all personal effects, equipment or instruments resulting from shipwreck, sinking, stranding, burning, or collision of the vessel, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

RULE 18 - HEALTH CARE BENEFITS AMOUNTS

*This MOU is included as an attachment to this Rule.

- 18.1** A. For the ~~2023-2025~~2025-2027 biennium, the Employer Medical Contribution (EMC) will be an amount equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the monthly premium for the self-insured Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) Classic for each bargaining unit employee eligible for insurance each month, as determined by the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB). In no instance will the employee contribution be less than two percent (2%) of the EMC per month.
- B. The point-of-service costs of the Classic Uniform Medical Plan (deductible, out-of-pocket maximums and co-insurance/co-payment) may not be changed for the

purpose of shifting health care costs to plan participants, but may be changed from the 2014 plan under two (2) circumstances:

1. In ways to support value-based benefits designs; and
2. To comply with or manage the impacts of federal mandates.

C. Value-based benefits designs will:

1. Be designed to achieve higher quality, lower aggregate health care services cost (as opposed to plan costs);
2. Use clinical evidence; and
3. Be the decision of the PEBB.

~~E~~D. Rule 18.1 (B) will expire June 30, ~~2025~~2027.

18.2 ~~A.~~—The Employer will pay the entire premium costs for each bargaining unit employee for dental, stand-alone vision, basic life, and any offered basic long-term disability insurance coverage. If changes to the long-term disability benefit structure occur during the life of this Agreement, the Employer recognizes its obligation to bargain with the Coalition over impacts of those changes within the scope of bargaining.

~~B.~~—~~If the PEBB authorizes stand-alone vision insurance coverage, then the Employer will pay the entire premium costs for each bargaining unit employee.~~

18.3 Wellness

- A. To support the statewide goal for a healthy and productive workforce, employees are encouraged to participate in a Well-Being Assessment survey. Employees will be granted work time and may use a state computer to complete the survey.
- B. The Coalition of Unions agrees to partner with the Employer to educate their members on the wellness program and encourage participation. Eligible, enrolled subscribers shall have the option to earn an annual one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) or more wellness incentive in the form of reduction in deductible or deposit into the Health Savings Account upon successful completion of required Smart Health Program activities. During the term of this Agreement, the Steering Committee created by Executive Order 13-06 shall make recommendations to the PEBB regarding changes to the wellness incentive or the elements of the Smart Health Program.

18.4 The PEBB Program shall provide information on the Employer Sponsored Insurance Premium Payment Program on its website and in an open enrollment publication annually.

18.5 Medical-Flexible Spending Arrangement

- A. During January ~~2022-2026~~ and again in January ~~2023~~2027, the Employer will make available ~~two-three~~ hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars (~~\$250~~300.00) in a ~~medical~~-Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) account for each bargaining unit member

represented by a Union in the Coalition described in [RCW 41.80.020\(3\)](#), who meets the criteria in [Subsection 18.5 \(B\)](#) below.

- B. In accordance with IRS regulations and guidance, the Employer FSA funds will be made available for a Coalition bargaining unit employee who:
1. Is occupying a position that has an annual full-time equivalent base salary of [sixty-eight thousand and four dollars \(\\$68,004.00\)](#) ~~sixty-thousand-dollars (\$60,000)~~ or less on November 1 of the year prior to the year the Employer FSA funds are being made available; and
 2. Meets PEBB program eligibility requirements to receive the Employer contribution for PEBB medical benefits on January 1 of the plan year in which the Employer FSA funds are made available, is not enrolled in a high-deductible health plan, and does not waive enrollment in a PEBB medical plan except to be covered as a dependent on another PEBB non-high deductible health plan.
 3. Hourly employees' annual base salary shall be the base hourly rate multiplied by two thousand, eighty-eight (2,088).
 4. Base salary excludes overtime, shift differential and all other premiums or payments.
- C. ~~An medical~~ FSA will be established for all employees eligible under this Section who do not otherwise have one. An employee who is eligible for Employer FSA funds may decline this benefit but cannot receive cash in lieu of this benefit.
- D. The provisions of the State's salary reduction plan will apply. In the event that a federal tax that takes into account contributions to an FSA is imposed on PEBB health plans, this provision will automatically terminate. The parties agree to meet and negotiate over the termination of this benefit.

RULE 19 - DUTIES NOT REQUIRED

19.1 Ticket Selling/Terminal Duties

No deck officer shall be required to sell or collect tickets while on board any vessel. In addition, no deck officer shall be required to perform any duty customarily performed by terminal staff beyond the traffic gate.

19.2 Unlicensed Duties

No deck officer shall be required to chip, scale, paint, or to perform such duties as are customarily performed by the unlicensed deck department crew members.

RULE 20 - SENIORITY

20.1 Pilotage Required for Seniority

To establish seniority, all deck officers shall possess at a minimum, a license as inland mate on vessels of any gross tons, with a pilotage endorsement for all routes operated by WSF, including interconnecting routes between Vashon Head and Columbia Beach, and have successfully completed WSF Mate's Orientation and Training. Interconnecting pilotage endorsements from Tacoma to Anacortes will be required of all deck officers who bid for regular relief positions. The Employer shall make every effort to facilitate the acquisition of interconnecting pilotage for those employees who desire to possess it.

20.2 Payment for Any Required Break-In

The Employer may, but need not, require break-in procedures of any classification of deck officer. Any such break-in procedures may be offered to deck officers in the applicable classification; and any deck officer undergoing any required break-in procedure shall receive full pay for the time required under all provisions of this Agreement relating to the payment of wages, overtime, travel time, and all other forms of compensation. In addition to the above, all deck officers, at their request, with the concurrence of the port captain, prior to accepting a pending deck officer assignment, shall be entitled to a break-in period not to exceed five (5) days (forty [40] hours), on any vessel on any route and shall receive the straight-time rate of pay for such break in. If the port captain does not concur with the request, the deck officer may request a review by the Director of Operations.

20.3 Seniority Rosters

There shall be three (3) separate seniority rosters affecting various classifications of deck officers as follows: a masters' seniority roster, to be used for determining the respective rights of all masters within the system; a mates' seniority roster, to be used for determining the respective rights of all mates within the system; and a deck officers' seniority roster, to be used for determining certain other benefits which affect all deck officers uniformly and identically.

20.4 Deck Officers Seniority Roster

The deck officers seniority roster shall consist of all deck officers and, as to each such deck officer, shall show the time and place of entering the service of the Employer as a deck officer. Each deck officer employed by the WSF shall be placed on the deck officers seniority roster, provided that the deck officer possesses pilotage endorsements for all routes operated by the WSF, as defined in [Section 20.1](#).

20.5 Masters Seniority Roster

The masters seniority roster shall consist of any deck officer who has been employed as a mate with all route pilotage, as defined in [Section 20.1](#), and who receives a master's license, shall be placed on the masters seniority roster as of either the date the deck officer presents the deck officer's master's license to the Employer, and provided the deck officer possesses minimum USCG license qualifications of a master, any gross tons, inland waters.

20.6 Mates Seniority Roster

- A. The mates seniority roster shall consist of all fully qualified deck officers as defined in [Section 20.1](#).
- B. Additionally, any employee who presents the mate's license to the Employer that meets or exceeds the minimum license and pilotage qualifications, shall establish the preliminary mate's seniority date on the first day of the next mate's orientation in sequential order of verified document submittal to WSF.

~~Upon~~ As part of the successful completion of mate orientation, the candidate will be referred to the Oral Review Panel. The Panel will determine if the LDO is eligible to be dispatched as a fully qualified chief mate. LDOs eligible to be dispatched as chief mate will be issued seniority dates based on the preliminary mate's seniority date. LDOs who are not eligible to be dispatched as fully qualified chief mates shall not establish seniority until they are deemed eligible. Their new seniority date shall be the date they are deemed eligible to be dispatched as a fully qualified chief mate. the employee's ~~preliminary~~ seniority date will be established as their seniority date for the mate's seniority roster. If the employee is unsuccessful at completing all elements of mate orientation or, the employee chose not to attend the mate's orientation when invited by the Employer, a new preliminary mate's seniority date will be established on the first day of the next available mate's orientation in sequential order of document submittal to WSF.

- C. Any former WSF/MM&P deck officer that is rehired by WSF, will be placed on the mate's seniority list upon being rehired by WSF. They may not be required to complete the mate's orientation.

20.7 Posting of Seniority Rosters

The Union shall revise the deck officers, masters, and mates seniority rosters in January of each year, based upon information supplied by the Employer, and the Employer shall then promptly post the three (3) revised seniority rosters in a place easily accessible to the deck officers affected thereby.

20.8 Protest of Seniority Rosters

All seniority rosters shall be subject to protest by written notification to the grievance committee of the Union, consisting of not less than three (3) members to be elected by the membership of the Union, and who shall be responsible for the preliminary adjudication of all seniority disputes, under the provisions of this Agreement relating to disputes, [Rule 22](#), provided, however, that no protest of seniority roster, except for the correction of a typographical error, shall be commenced more than ninety (90) days after the facts and circumstances giving rise to the protest actually become known or, in the exercise of reasonable care, should have become known, to the deck officer affected.

20.9 Union and Management Positions

Any deck officer, who maintains good standing, and has established seniority when elected or appointed to a full-time Union position, or when transferred to a position in management, shall retain their seniority status throughout their term, or terms, of office, or

throughout their employment in management. When returning to the fleet and remaining in good standing with the Union, a deck officer will have the absolute right to exercise a bump by seniority in selecting an assignment.

20.10 Elimination of Position

Whenever a regular, or regular relief position is eliminated, the deck officer displaced thereby shall have the absolute right to exercise their seniority in selecting a new assignment of their choosing, thereby displacing a less senior deck officer; and any deck officer displaced by such an exercise of seniority, shall have the same absolute right to so exercise their seniority in displacing other less senior deck officers; and whenever an extended temporary position is eliminated, the deck officer displaced thereby shall have the absolute right to return to the regular position or assignment from which they were promoted, or bump into another extended temporary assignment allowed by their seniority. Whenever an extended temporary position is completed, the deck officer completing such position shall have the absolute right to return to the last regular position or assignment from which they were promoted or transferred.

20.11 Pay Period Assignment of Deck Officers

The Employer shall dispatch to each vessel and the Union semi-monthly, a list of all deck officer's working regular, and relief positions. Any deck officer who works fifty-six (56) hours or more in any given work period at a classification higher than their regularly assigned classification, (i.e., master to staff master) shall be paid for the entire eighty (80) hour work period at the rate of pay applicable to the highest classification worked by the deck officer during that work period. In the event that a deck officer is wrongfully bypassed by a less senior deck officer for such assignments, the bypassed deck officer shall be paid the wages, including travel time, the deck officer would have received if they had not been so bypassed.

20.12 Service by Retired Deck Officers

Present or previously employed deck officers who retire in good standing from the Employer's service may, with the approval of Union and the Employer, obtain a temporary appointment. The temporary appointment is contingent each year upon the deck officer providing, a current copy of the applicant's up-to-date license, a drug free certificate, and a medical certification of fitness for duty and completing an orientation and refresher training as may be required by the Employer. The assignment of the retiree will be as follows:

- A. WSF Employees who retired under the provisions of the State Employees Retirement System may be rehired consistent with all applicable provisions, laws, and regulations of the State Employees Retirement System.
- B. Retired WSF employees that are interested in working shall notify WSF of their interest, in writing. The hiring and selection of retiree(s) and the term of a retiree's employment shall be at the sole discretion of WSF.
- C. Retired WSF employees may work any position for which they are qualified and will be paid at the current rate for the classification in which they worked at the

time of retirement. Retirees shall not establish seniority and shall not receive benefits other than as provided for by statute.

D At the end of the retiree's term of employment, the retiree shall be informed as to their status of being eligible or ineligible for rehire. If the retiree is not eligible for rehire, the reason(s) for being ineligible shall be given in writing and the retiree may ask the Director of Operations or their designee for reconsideration. However, the final determination shall not be subject to the [Rule 22](#), Grievance Procedure.

E Retirees may be used on an emergency basis, only after a reasonable attempt has been made to dispatch any classification of relief deck officer and then deck officers on an "overtime availability" list.

An "emergency" is defined as a situation in which no qualified deck officers are available and a service disruption is imminent. Such occurrences will be fully documented and immediately forwarded to the Union.

F. Retirees are allowed to come back at the deck officer classification they "retired" at or at a lower deck officer classification.

The Union shall provide a list of available retired deck officers to WSF by May 1st of each year. WSF shall provide a status report documenting retiree assignments to the MM&P VP-UIG and each delegate to the committee via email as requested. The Union and the Employer agree that assignment of retirees does not provide any special rights or privileges. Upon returning, retirees will be made aware of this contract provision.

G. A uniform allowance shall not be paid to retirees.

20.13 Reduction and Increase in Personnel

In all reductions and increases of personnel, strict seniority shall govern absolutely. Whenever layoffs are necessary, the least senior deck officer shall be the first laid off; and whenever deck officers are called back to service, the most senior deck officer laid off shall be the first returned to work. A laid off master shall have the right to exercise a bump into a mate's position or remain an extra relief deck officer in either classification and return back to the prior classification when service is made whole or service is restored.

20.14 Demotions

In the event that a master returns to the classification of mate due to a reduction of personnel, personal request, for cause, or for any other reason, the deck officer shall be entitled to the same position on the mates' seniority roster from which the deck officer was previously promoted; and the Employer shall immediately notify, in writing, both the Union and the master involved, of the date of each such demotion.

20.15 Reinstatement of Demoted Deck Officers

When any deck officer is demoted for cause, and subsequently reinstated to the deck officer's previous classification, the deck officer's previous seniority date and the deck

officer's position in such previous classification shall also be reinstated and remain unchanged.

20.16 Staff Master

The staff master classification scope of responsibility is delineated in a staff master [Addendum B](#) as part of the agreement between the parties. Conditions regarding the selection, probation, bidding, bumping, performance, compensation, peer review responsibilities and other conditions are covered in detail in the [Addendum B](#). Substantial changes in responsibility are subject to negotiations.

RULE 21 – DISCIPLINE

21.1 Discipline for Just Cause

- A. The Employer shall have the right to discipline any deck officer for just cause, which shall be detailed and communicated in writing to both the Union and the deck officer involved.
- B. The Employer shall not discharge or otherwise discipline any employee without just cause. Discipline includes oral and written reprimands, reductions in pay, suspensions, demotion to a position in a lower classification, and termination. Any of these disciplinary actions may serve as the first step in discipline depending on the egregiousness of the violation(s) as determined by management.
- C. Negligence in navigational and/or ship handling responsibilities, which results in property damage or injury to vessel personnel and/or passengers, shall be deemed “just cause” for discipline.

21.2 Guidelines for Performance

The Employer shall prepare and disseminate to all deck officers the Code of Conduct for deck officers, which may be modified at the Employer's discretion, in consultation with the Union, from time to time. The Employer shall also prepare and disseminate position descriptions to deck officers.

21.3 Investigation of Just Cause for Discipline

- A. The Employer shall have the right to hold any deck officer out of service on an alternative assignment pending an investigation. Both the Union and the deck officer involved will receive prompt written notification, of an alternative assignment.
- B. If such a deck officer is exonerated of the charges as a result of any hearing or appeal, the deck officer shall immediately be reinstated to the deck officer's prior position without loss of seniority; shall be paid for all time lost in the amount which the deck officer would ordinarily have earned had the deck officer been continued in the service during such period; shall have all documents pertaining to the specific incident removed from the deck officer's personnel file and all other records of the

Employer immediately changed to reflect the disposition; and the incident shall not be used against the deck officer in any manner.

21.4 Derogatory Documents

A deck officer shall be given a copy of all written censures, letters of reprimand, adverse reports, adverse performance evaluations, or other documents of an adverse or derogatory nature which are placed in such deck officer's personnel file. The deck officer may respond to such material, which response shall be placed in their personnel file, or the deck officer may resort to the grievance procedure established by the provisions of this Agreement relating to disputes in [Rule 22](#), and the eventual adjudication or resolution of the dispute shall also become a part of the deck officer's personnel record. However, the evaluation process is subject to the grievance procedure. The specific contents of performance evaluations are not subject to the grievance procedure.

21.5 Absent Without Approved Leave

When an employee is absent from work for three (3) consecutive days and who is not on an approved leave may be disciplined up to, and including, termination. Absences due to illnesses, injury or due to emergency situations as specified in [Subsection 28.1 \(B\)\(5\)](#) must be considered in determining just cause.

21.6 Voyage Data Recorders

Information obtained by means of the Voyage Data Recorder will not be used to initiate or pursue any disciplinary action against a deck officer, except in cases involving reportable marine incidents or accidents as defined by WSF Safety Management System (SMS) policies or federal regulations.

Information obtained by the Voyage Data Recorder may be released as follows:

- A. To a government agency as required by law;
- B. To a manufacturer, vendor or service provider of such devices or systems as necessary in the normal course of business, provided written agreement is obtained prohibiting release to a third party; and
- C. To other parties with the written consent of the employee.

21.7 Video Monitoring/Security Equipment/Key Boxes

Information obtained by means of WSF video monitoring/security equipment/key box devices will not be used to initiate or pursue any disciplinary action against a deck officer, except in cases involving criminal activity, or reportable marine incidents, or accidents.

Information obtained by the video monitoring devices may be released as follows:

- A. To a government agency as required by law;
- B. To a manufacturer, vendor or service provider of such devices or systems as necessary in the normal course of business, provided written agreement is obtained prohibiting release to a third party; and

- C. To other parties with the written consent of the employee.

21.8 **Removal of Documents**

Deck officers must be provided with a copy of all material placed in their official personnel file related to their job performance. Material placed into the supervisor's working file related to job performance will be brought to the deck officer's attention. The deck officer may provide a written rebuttal to any information in the file that they consider objectionable. All material placed in the deck officer's personnel file relating to misconduct will be removed when the deck officer has been exonerated of wrong doing. In all other cases, a deck officer may request that the appointing authority remove material one (1) year after issuance.

- A. Written reprimands will be removed from the deck officer's personnel file after two (2) years if:
1. The deck officer submits a written request for its removal;
 2. Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period such as sexual harassment or criminal activity; and
 3. There has been no subsequent discipline.

Such removal will occur within ten (10) working days of the request.

- B. With the exception of permanent demotions, records of disciplinary actions involving reductions-in-pay, suspensions or demotions, shall be removed after five (5) years if:
1. The deck officer submits a written request for its removal; and
 2. Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period; or
 3. There has been no subsequent discipline of a similar nature.

Such removal will occur within ten (10) working days of the request.

- C. Performance evaluations will be removed from the deck officer's personnel file after three (3) years if:
1. There have been no documented performance deficiencies in a subsequent performance evaluation; and
 2. The deck officer submits a written request for its removal.

Such removal will occur within ten (10) working days of the request.

- D. Nothing in this Rule will prevent the Employer from agreeing to an earlier removal date.

RULE 22 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

22.1 The Union and the Employer agree that it is in the best interest of all parties to resolve disputes at the earliest opportunity and at the lowest level. The Union and the Employer encourage problem resolution between employees and management and are committed to assisting in resolution of disputes as soon as possible. In the event a dispute is not resolved in an informal manner, this Rule provides a formal process for problem resolution.

22.2 Terms and Requirements

A. Grievance Definition

A grievance is an allegation by an employee or a group of employees that there has been a violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of this Agreement, which occurred during the term of this Agreement. The term, “grievant,” as used in this Rule includes the term, “grievants.”

B. Filing a Grievance

Grievances may be filed by the Union on behalf of an employee or on behalf of a group of employees. If the Union does so, it will set forth the name of the employee or a description of the group of employees. The Union, as exclusive representative, is considered the only representative of the employee in grievance matters and has the right in a grievance to designate the person who will represent the employee on behalf of the Union.

Pay Order Disputes

Prior to filing a formal grievance over pay discrepancies, employees may submit a fact-finding claim form to their port captain, or Employer designee when they have been red-lined, by-passed, or denied pay. The Employer will investigate the facts and respond, in writing, to the employee, and the Union within ten (10) business days identifying the specific rule(s) of the CBA or other pertinent information used as a basis for the determination. If the facts show the employee was denied pay in violation of the contract, the Employer will submit a corrective pay order(s) and the employee will be made whole on the next pay period. If the employee’s claim is denied, they may file a formal grievance within the thirty (30) day timeline (commencing upon the conclusion of the Employer’s investigation) as specified in Rule 22.3 below.

C. Computation of Time

The parties acknowledge that time limits are important to judicious processing and resolution of grievances. Days are calendar days, and will be counted by excluding the first day and including the last day of timelines. When the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the last day will be the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Transmittal of grievances, appeals and responses will be in writing.

D. Failure to Meet Timelines

Failure by the Union to comply with the initial thirty (30) day deadline contained in [Subsection 22.3 \(A\)](#), below, will result in automatic withdrawal of the grievance.

Failure by the Union to comply with other timelines contained in this grievance procedure may be submitted to the arbitrator for their determination. Failure by the Employer to comply with the timelines will entitle the Union to move the grievance to the next step of the procedure.

E. Contents

The written grievance should include the following information:

1. A statement of the pertinent facts surrounding the nature of the grievance;
2. The date of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance or the date the grievant knew or could reasonably have known of the occurrence;
3. The specific Rule and/or Section of the Agreement violated;
4. The specific remedy requested;
5. The name of the grievant or description of the group;
6. The steps taken to informally resolve the grievance; and
7. The name and signature of the Union representative.

F. Modifications

No newly alleged violations and/or remedies may be made after the initial written grievance is filed, except by written mutual agreement.

G. Resolution

If the Employer provides the requested remedy or a mutually agreed-upon alternative, the grievance will be considered resolved and may not be moved to the next step.

H. Withdrawal

A grievance may be withdrawn at any time.

I. Resubmission

If terminated, resolved or withdrawn, the same grievance cannot be resubmitted.

J. Consolidation

The Employer or the Union may consolidate grievances arising out of the same set of facts.

K. Bypass

Any of the steps in this procedure may be bypassed with mutual written consent of the parties involved at the time the bypass is sought.

L. Discipline

Disciplinary grievances will be initiated at the level at which the disputed action was taken.

M. Alternative Resolution Methods

Any time during the grievance process, by mutual consent, the parties may use alternative methods to resolve a non-disciplinary grievance. If the parties agree to use alternative methods, the time frames in this Rule are suspended. If the selected alternative method does not result in a resolution, the Union may return to the grievance process and the timeframes resume. Any expenses and fees of alternative methods will be shared equally by the parties.

22.3 Filing and Processing

A. Filing

A grievance must be filed within thirty (30) days of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance or the date the grievant knew or should reasonably have known of the occurrence. This thirty (30) day period should be used to attempt to informally resolve the dispute.

B. Processing

Step 1 – Director of Operations or Designee

If the issue is not resolved informally, the Union may present a written grievance to the Director of Operations or designee with a copy to the WSDOT ferries division Labor Relations Office at laborrelations@wsdot.wa.gov within the thirty (30) day period described above. The Director of Operations or designee will meet or confer by telephone with a Union steward and/or staff representative and the grievance within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the grievance, and will respond in writing to the Union within fifteen (15) days after the meeting.

Step 2 – Pre-Arbitration Review Meetings

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the Union may request a pre-arbitration review meeting (PARM) by filing the written grievance including a copy of all previous responses and supporting documentation with the OFM State Human Resources Labor Relations and Compensation Policy Section (LRS) with a copy to the WSDOT ferries division Labor Relations Office at laborrelations@wsdot.wa.gov within fifteen (15) days of the Step 3 decision. Within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of all the required information, the LRS will discuss with the Union.

1. If a PARM will be scheduled with the LRS, an agency representative, and the Union's staff representative will review and attempt to settle the dispute.
2. If the parties are unable to reach agreement to conduct a meeting, the LRS will notify the Union in writing that no PARM will be scheduled.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request, a PARM will be scheduled. The meeting will be conducted at a mutually agreeable time.

The proceedings of any PARM will not be reported or recorded in any manner, except for written agreements reached by the parties during the course of the PARM. Unless they are independently admissible, statements made by or to any party in the PARM, may not be:

1. Later introduced as evidence;
2. Made known to an arbitrator or hearings examiner at a hearing; and/or
3. Construed for any purpose as an admission against interest.

Step 3 – Arbitration

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, or the LRS notifies the Union in writing that no PARM will be scheduled, the Union may file a request for arbitration. The demand to arbitrate the dispute must be filed with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) within fifteen (15) days of the PARM or receipt of the notice no PARM will be scheduled. However, by agreement, the parties may instead refer the dispute to the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) for final resolution.

C. Selecting an Arbitrator

The parties will select an arbitrator by mutual agreement or by alternately striking names supplied by the FMCS.

D. Authority of the Arbitrator

1. The arbitrator will:
 - a. Have no authority to rule contrary to, add to, subtract from, or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement;
 - b. Be limited in their decision to the grievance issue(s) set forth in the original written grievance unless the parties agree to modify it; and
 - c. Not have the authority to order the Employer to modify their staffing levels, unless the arbitrator finds that the Employer has violated the staffing levels required by this Agreement.
2. The arbitrator will hear evidence and arguments on and decide issues of arbitrability before the first day of arbitration at a time convenient for the parties, immediately prior to hearing the case on its merits, or as part of the entire hearing and decision-making process, at the discretion of the arbitrator. If the issue of arbitrability is argued prior to the first day of arbitration, it may be argued in writing or by telephone, at the discretion of the arbitrator. Although the decision may be made orally, it will be put in writing and provided to the parties.
3. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the Union, the Employer and the grievant(s).

E. Arbitration Costs

1. The expenses and fees of the arbitrator, and the cost (if any) of the hearing room(s), will be shared equally by the parties.
2. If the arbitration hearing is postponed or cancelled at the request of one party, that party will bear the cost of the postponement or cancellation. The costs of any mutually agreed upon postponements or cancellations will be shared equally by the parties.
3. If either party desires a record of the arbitration, a court reporter may be used. The requesting party will pay the cost of the court reporter. If that party purchases a transcript, a copy will be provided to the arbitrator free of charge. If the other party desires a copy of the transcript, it will pay for half (1/2) of the costs of the fee for the court reporter, the original transcript and a copy.
4. Each party is responsible for the costs of its representatives, attorneys, witnesses, travel expenses, and all other costs related to the development and presentation of their case. Every effort will be made to avoid the presentation of repetitive witnesses. The Union is responsible for paying any travel or per diem expenses for its witnesses, the grievant and the Union representative.

RULE 23 – WORK STOPPAGE

There shall be no strikes, lockouts or work stoppages; it is the intent of the parties that all controversies shall be settled amicably and harmoniously.

RULE 24 - MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS

24.1 Management Rights

In addition to management rights established in [RCW 47.64.120](#), the Employer retains the right and duty to manage its business, including the following:

- A. The right to adopt regulations regarding the appearance, dress, conduct of its employees; and
- B. To direct the work force consistent with work procedures as are necessary to maintain safety, efficiency, quality of service and the confidence of the traveling public that are not contrary to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

24.2 Union Intercession

The Union reserves the right to intercede on behalf of any deck officer who feels aggrieved and the right to process a grievance on behalf of any such deck officer pursuant to the grievance provisions of [Rule 22](#) of this Agreement.

24.3 Illegal Discrimination and Harassment

The Employer and the Union are committed to ending illegal discrimination and harassment in any and all forms. To this end, neither WSF nor the Union shall discriminate against any employee in any manner prohibited by law.

24.4 Reasonable Accommodations

When WSF is presented with a circumstance which may require the reasonable accommodation of a disability and the accommodation might result in a violation of this Agreement, WSF and the Union will meet to discuss the proposed accommodation and possible conflicts with this Agreement. By agreeing to discuss the accommodation, the Union does not waive any position or argument, including, but not limited to, the following: accommodations that do not violate this Agreement are available and appropriate and the law neither requires nor permits accommodations that violate this Agreement.

RULE 25 –BIDS**25.1 Applicability**

This Rule shall be used for filling vacant regular and extended temporary master positions, including bidding/bumping when positions are eliminated or positions are significantly changed.

25.2 Eligibility

To be eligible to bid for a specific job, a master must appear on the master's bidding list, ~~have all route pilotage and have all appropriate documentation, including license, endorsements and physical,~~ on file in WSF Human Resources.

If bidding on positions with routes to Canada, all reliefs must have no barrier to entry.

25.3 Seasonal Bidding

- A. All bidding will be stopped approximately six (6) weeks prior to the start of a season. Once bidding has stopped, all vacancies shall be filled by dispatch until bidding resumes.
- B. The following items shall be distributed to all masters in a bid packet prior to seasonal bidding:
 1. A timeline indicating the dates of all bids associated with seasonal bidding;
 2. A master's seniority list (for winter bidding only);
 3. A master's bidding list;
 4. New deck and sailing schedules;
 5. A route list indicating all permanent assignments; and
 6. An optional domino bid form.
- C. First, there shall be a "phone bump" for all masters in positions that are being eliminated or significantly changed. Second, there will be an "optional domino bid" for any vacant permanent positions as a result of the phone bump. Finally, there will be a "temporary domino bid" for all known extended temporary positions.

25.4 Phone Bump

- A. Masters in regular positions that will be eliminated or significantly changed for the next season shall have the opportunity to bump, based on seniority, to a different permanent position, which may include a mate's position.
- B. A permanent or relief master may waive a permanent master's position and bid on a permanent mate's position provided they meet all mate qualifications. If a deck officer bumps into a relief position, the relief next lower in seniority will be entitled to a bump. If that relief deck officer chooses to stay in a relief position, the bump will continue down the seniority list within the relief pool until the least senior relief deck officer is bumped to another permanent position. The general phone bump will then continue by seniority until completion. WSF shall have the right to fill all vacant master and relief master positions by assigning in reverse seniority order from the master's bidding list.
- C. Permanent and relief masters who do not have adequate seniority to bid on a master's position may bid on a mate's position based on the employee's mates seniority date.
- D. Significantly Changed Position Definition
The definition of a "significantly changed" position is:
1. A change in the vessel's relieving terminal;
 2. Any change of more than three (3) hours in a daily work schedule;
 3. When one (1) or more assigned days off are changed in the work period; and/or
 4. Any change to or from a touring watch.
- E. Master Availability for the Phone Bump
All masters shall be available by phone on the assigned phone bump days. Even if a master does not wish to bump to a different position, the master may be bumped by a more senior master.
- F. The phone bump shall begin on the first assigned day by calling the most senior master whose position shall be eliminated or significantly changed. The bid administrator shall ask each master contacted for their decision to bump a less senior master from their position or not to bump.
- G. The phone bump will continue through the seniority list, in seniority order, until all masters have been contacted who are in eliminated positions, in changed positions, and less senior masters who have been bumped out of their positions by a more senior master.
- H. Once a master is called, they shall have a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to make their decision. Extra time shall not be given to any master except in the case of a

master going to or from work or being at work and temporarily unavailable by phone.

- I. Masters may not bump into a vacant position.
- J. “Try Out” Period for Significantly Changed Positions
 - 1. If a master chooses to stay in a significantly changed position, the master may also choose to “try out” the significantly changed position for the duration of the season.
 - 2. When a master has indicated to the bid administrator they want to “try out” a significantly changed position, the master has thirty (30) days after the beginning of the changed schedule to send a written request to the bid administrator to request a bump during the next seasonal phone bumping period.
- K. If a master is out of town and unavailable by phone, the master shall send written notification to the bid administrator and Union with their watch choices in preference order. The written notification must be received no later than the day before the phone bump begins.
- L. If a master is not available by phone and has not complied with [Subsection \(K\)](#) above, the following shall apply:
 - 1. If a master’s position has significantly changed but the master has not been bumped from their position by a more senior master, the master shall continue in their current significantly changed position.
 - 2. If the master has been bumped by a more senior master or their position has been eliminated, the employee has the right to exercise a bump into a master or mate position.
- M. Phone bump results shall be posted on or before the next business day after the phone bump has been completed.

25.5 Optional Domino Bid

If there is at least one (1) vacant permanent position after the phone bump is completed, there shall be a written optional domino bid. Masters have the option to bid or the option not to bid on vacant permanent position(s). Vacant permanent positions will only be filled thru the optional domino bid process at the start of each season. Subsequent permanent positions that become vacant after the optional bid process has been completed will be filled as an extended temporary bid until the next seasonal optional bid.

- A. A completed bid form shall be sent to the bid administrator, Attn: Master Job Bid. All written bid forms shall be dated and time stamped as they are received in WSF Operations.
- B. In order for a bid form to be considered valid it:

1. Must be filled out completely; and
 2. Must be received in WSF Operations before the closing date and time.
- C. Bids may be emailed to the bid administrator, mailed, hand-delivered or faxed. The bid administrator's email address is BidAdmin@wsdot.wa.gov. The FAX number is 206-389-8529.

25.6 Extended Temporary Domino Bids

- A. All known extended temporary assignments will be bid simultaneously as a domino bid.
- B. Any new extended temporary positions that come up after the bid in [Subsection 25.6 \(A\)](#) above, shall be bid as a domino bid.
- C. The process used for [Subsections 25.6 \(A\)](#) and [\(B\)](#), above, shall be the same process used for the Optional Domino Bid in [Subsections 25.5 \(A\) – \(C\)](#), above.

25.7 General Information for All Regular Bids (Excluding Seasonal Bidding)

- A. Bid notices, and bid forms will be posted on the shared WSF network and available on the computer in the pilothouse of each vessel.
- B. After the bids close, a notice of the employees who have been awarded positions will be sent to the pilothouse of each vessel and will be posted to the shared WSF network and available on the computer in the pilothouse of each vessel.
- C. Each employee bidding may want to keep a copy of a completed bid form for their records.
- D. New job postings will open the last Friday of a work period and will close at 5:00 pm on the following Thursday, unless otherwise agreed.
- E. Cancellation of a bid must be done in writing and received by WSF Operations prior to the bid closing date and time.
- F. The results of bidding shall be announced via an email notice posted on the shared WSF network and available on the computer in the wheelhouse of each WSF vessel.
- G. Each employee awarded a bid to a new position shall receive written notification indicating the effective date of the new assignment, which will generally be coordinated with the next work period.
- H. The goal is to fill positions by the beginning of each season.

25.8 Bid Results Disputes

- A. Bid results will be posted on or before the next business day after the bid closes. Employees will have until 5:00 pm on the next Monday to dispute their bid. If the dispute is over the timely receipt of a bid form, the employee will need to show proof that they emailed or faxed the bid in a timely manner.

- B. The bid administrator will research the dispute and make any necessary corrections. Corrections will be posted via email to all affected masters.

25.9 Unfilled Extended Temporary Positions

- A. Extended temporary positions that have not been filled by the bid process above shall be offered to the most senior masters on the master's bidding list.
- B. Unassigned masters on the Masters' Bidding List shall have the opportunity to volunteer and accept the remaining open position(s) via an email to the bid administrator. This email is to be received no later than 5:00 pm on the Monday following bid closing. In the event of multiple volunteers, the most senior master will be awarded the position.

RULE 26 – LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COMMITTEE

26.1 Labor Management Committee Purpose

- A. A Labor Management Committee (LMC) shall be formed to promote a constructive and cooperative relationship. The purpose of the LMC is to provide communication between the parties, to share information, to make recommendations to improve operating efficiencies and safety on vessels of WSF.
- B. To fulfill this purpose, the LMC may review all terms of the parties existing Collective Bargaining Agreement and all WSF policies, procedures and practices affecting matters of operational efficiency and safety. The LMC may recommend modifications to current policies, procedures and practices which are consistent with existing contract terms.

26.2 Committee

- A. Either party may propose items for discussion on topics which may include, but are not limited to, administration of the Agreement, changes to applicable law, legislative updates, and/or resolving workplaces problems.
- B. The LMC will meet and discuss and exchange information of a group nature and general interest to both parties.
- C. The LMC will consist of not more than three (3) members appointed by each party. By mutual agreement, the LMC may invite other individuals (e.g., subject matter experts or observers) to attend and participate in LMC meetings.
- D. Meetings will be chaired alternately by a WSF designee and a Union representative, who shall be designated by the Vice President of the United Inland Group.

26.3 Meeting Agendas and Reporting

- A. Unless otherwise agreed, each party shall submit no more than two (2) issues to be placed on the agenda for each meeting and agenda items shall be submitted to the Chair at least three (3) working days before the next scheduled meeting.

- B. The Chair will prepare an agenda and make it available to all members at least one (1) workday prior to the meeting. The agenda will include a brief description of each item to be discussed.
- C. Topics not on the agenda will not normally be discussed, but may be placed on the next meeting's agenda. Emergency items may be added to the agenda by mutual consent. Discussion of agenda items will be alternated.
- D. Each party may keep written records of meetings. If the topics discussed require follow-up by either party, it will be documented and communication will be provided by the responsible party.

26.4 Meeting Costs, Schedules and Locations

- A. Union committee members shall be compensated at their regular straight-time rate, including travel time and mileage, not to exceed eight (8) hours. The Union shall be responsible for compensation and travel expenses for any Union observers or Union subject matter experts.
- B. The LMC shall meet at reasonable times and places as mutually agreed and shall meet at least quarterly.
- C. Meetings will be limited to no more than eight (8) hours in duration, including of travel time, unless otherwise agreed.
- D. Meetings will be held in state facilities, or in other agreed upon facilities, which may be available at no cost to the parties.
- E. Every attempt will be made to adhere to the meeting schedule, realizing that some flexibility is necessary.
- F. The LMC shall have no authority to modify any provision of this Agreement, to conduct any negotiations, or to resolve issues or disputes regarding the implementation or interpretation of this Agreement.

26.5 Memorandum of Understanding Committee Purpose

- A. The parties agree there shall be a committee of three (3) representatives from MM&P and three (3) representatives from WSF. The committee shall review letters and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to determine if they are applicable and should be attached as an Appendix to the Mates and/or the Master's Agreement(s).
- B. The MOU committee will evaluate how often the committee should meet.

Agendas for the MOU committee meetings shall be agreed to and set at least two (2) weeks in advance indicating the specific MOUs to be reviewed.

RULE 27 – MEALS

27.1 Meals Aboard a Vessel

The charge for meals purchased and eaten on board the ferries while on duty or while going to and from duty by deck officers shall be at one-half (1/2) the normal retail price of such meals rounded up to the nearest cent.

27.2 Deck officers purchasing meals at a discount shall be required to sign sales slips at the completion of service.

27.3 The food discount shall be granted to deck officers on the route to or from places of assignment regardless of route traveled.

27.4 The food discount shall also be granted to deck officers riding for pilotage time.

27.5 This Rule only applies to vessels that provide public galley service and excludes vending service.

RULE 28 - MISCELLANEOUS LEAVE

28.1 Leaves of Absence

A. With thirty (30) calendar days' written notification (except in emergencies) to the Employer and with written approval, employees may be granted leaves of absence that may be paid or unpaid for up to six (6) months for reason of disability, attending school to upgrade their license, or for personal reasons. Seniority shall not be interrupted during leaves of absence.

B. Extended Leave Approval Process

Request for extended leave due to medical reasons shall be handled as set forth in [Section 14.7](#) of this Agreement and the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. In the case of all extended leaves, the employee shall obtain written approval from management in advance of taking the leave:

1. For absences over thirty (30) calendar days it must be on the appropriate WSF form.
2. For medical leaves over thirty (30) calendar days, the employee must also submit a Certificate of Health Care Provider on the appropriate WSF form. WSF shall normally provide employees with a Request for Extended Leave form with an explanatory cover letter no later than thirty (30) calendar days after their first day of absence.
3. The completed Request for Extended Leave form should be submitted to WSF as soon as possible.
4. For all leave, the employee must indicate a start date for the leave and an end date for the leave. The terms of all leaves of absence shall be in writing

and may be extended up to the maximum time allowed for the specific type of leave.

5. An employee must obtain written management approval for extensions before the end date of the leave, except in cases of emergency. Extensions must be applied for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days before the end of the leave. Extensions to leave beyond the maximum times allowed will be non-precedent setting and will be at the sole discretion of the Employer.
- C. With thirty (30) calendar days' written notification to the Employer, employees may be granted leaves of absence for up to twenty-four (24) months, for a deck officer who is desiring to enter a qualified Marine Pilot Program. As long as these conditions are complied with, the employee will retain their seniority provided that the employee's seniority will be frozen at the time they leave the bargaining unit and will not begin to accrue until such time that they return to a classification covered by this Agreement.

28.2 Return from Leave

- A. Employees who have been on an approved leave of absence may return to work before the date specified on as the end date. If an employee is ready to return to work sooner than expected, WSF shall ensure that the employee is returned to work as soon as practicable.
- B. An employee on a leave of absence who fails to report to work at the end of such leave, or fails to obtain a written extension before the leave expiration date and does not report to work, is absent without an approved leave per [Section 21.5](#).

28.3 Return from Leave Less than Forty-Six (46) Days

- A. An employee returning to full duty from an authorized leave of absence for less than forty-six (46) calendar days will be reinstated to their former position which includes shift, classification and days off unless otherwise provided for by bidding requirements when there was a bid held during the employee's absence which would qualify the employee for a different shift.
- B. When an employee is absent from work for a period of more than five (5) calendar days, but less than forty-six (46) calendar days for medical reasons, WSF may, at the sole discretion of the Employer, require a fit-for-duty slip from the employee's doctor supporting the employee's fitness to return to duty. The fit-for-duty slip should be sent to WSF as soon as possible after the period of absence, but must be received and processed by WSF Human Resources before the employee may return to work and the Employer shall ensure that the employee is returned to work as soon as practicable.

28.4 Return from Leave More than Forty-five (45) Days

- A. When an employee is absent from work for a period of more than forty-five (45) calendar days for medical reasons, WSF shall require the employee to have their doctor complete and sign a Job Analysis Form which includes certification that the

employee can perform the essential job functions before the employee may return to work. The employee must meet all necessary administrative and operational requirements in advance of returning to work.

- B. A completed/signed Job Analysis Form will be accepted by WSF if the form was completed and signed within two (2) months of the employee's anticipated return date. The employee shall submit the completed/signed Job Analysis to WSF Human Resources in person, by fax, email, or by mail.
- C. If the employee is ready to return to work as expected, the employee shall be returned to work as soon as practicable, but no later than forty-eight (48) hours after WSF Human Resources receives the completed and signed Job Analysis Form, excluding weekends and holidays. For example, if WSF receives the completed and signed Job Analysis Form, which includes certification that the employee meets the essential job functions, at noon on a Friday, the employee would be entitled to return to work by noon on the following Tuesday. WSF's failure to return an employee to work as soon as practicable, but no later than forty-eight (48) hours shall be subject to the grievance procedure.
- D. If an employee is ready to return to work sooner than expected, WSF shall ensure that the employee is returned to work as soon as practicable. WSF's failure to return the employee to work as soon as practicable shall be subject to the grievance procedure.
- E. An employee returning to full duty from an authorized leave of absence for more than forty-five (45) days will be returned to their former position which includes shift, classification and days off, unless otherwise provided for by bidding requirements when there was a bid held during the employee's absence which would qualify the employee for a different shift.

28.5 Timely Return from Layoff

- A. Employees being laid off will be given an approximate return to work date.
- B. Employees will receive a certified letter and a regular letter sent to the last known address of the employee regarding their return to work from layoff, including a start date.
- C. An employee failing to contact WSF within five (5) calendar days of the date of the return receipt letter and/or an employee is unavailable for work beyond ninety (90) calendar days of the start date, shall lose their seniority and shall not be rehired.

28.6 Fit for Duty

WSF reserves the right to require any employee who is on a medical leave of absence due to injury or illness to be assessed by the medical review officer regarding the employee's ability to perform the essential job functions.

28.7 Leave Without Pay

Paid leaves approved shall be compensated as approved and shall not be converted to Leave Without Pay (LWOP) without management approval.

LWOP will be granted for holidays of faith and conscience for up to two (2) days per calendar year provided the employee's absence will not impose an undue hardship on the Employer as defined by [WAC 82-56-020](#) or the employee is not necessary to maintain public safety.

28.8 Use of Leave Without Pay for United States Coast Guard (USCG) Delays of Pilot Endorsement Renewal

When an LDO's renewal of their first class federal pilot endorsement is delayed by the USCG due to medical issues as a result of the LDO's annual physical, LDO's may use sick leave for sick leave purposes, vacation leave, compensatory time and leave without pay as necessary.

28.9 Military Leave of Absence

[A Military leave of absence will be granted as required by Federal law and regulations applying thereto. An Employee's right to return to employment, seniority, and benefits shall be governed by and limited to the protection afforded in the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act \(USERRA\) and RCW 38.40.060 Military leave for public employees, as currently in effect or as hereafter amended.](#)

[A. An Employee participating in Reserve or National Guard training is required to give WSF notice and is encouraged to submit written notification indicating the inclusive dates of anticipated duty accompanied by military orders, as early as possible. For requests for military leave in support of active duty for training, military orders should accompany the request at the earliest possible date. \(Order do not have to be in hand prior to the beginning of the active duty tour.\) All requests for military leave should be submitted to the Port Captain in writing.](#)

[B. Employees should attempt to bid for schedules that do not conflict with their Reserve or National Guard obligations. However, if a conflict occurs the Employee must notify their Port Captain and Dispatch as soon as the conflict is known to exist. Alternations to the Employee's bid will be made if necessary to ensure that they can comply with their military orders.](#)

[C. For workdays lost, the Employee may elect to take compensatory time or accrued vacation leave to prevent Loss of Pay.](#)

[D. In addition to inactive duty for training \(monthly meetings\) and active-duty training, occasionally, Reservists and Guard members are called to extended active duty, either voluntarily or involuntarily. For extended military leave, an Employee's right to return employment, their seniority, service credit and benefits will be governed by and limited to the protection afforded in the USERRA and the U.S. Department of Labor's Re-Employment Rights for Veterans in effect or as hereafter amended. This may include, but is not limited to, conducting additional bids or](#)

bump bids for schedules not within normal timelines. These rights are a matter of law, not policy.

An employee returning from extended military leave, such that their seniority date is adjusted, shall be accommodated and may select a position based on the employee's seniority. Such accommodation may include the addition of a position of equal classification on the watch selected by the employee for the remainder of the season. Should unforeseen circumstances arise, as a result of the employees accommodation, the employer and the union shall agree to meet and resolve any issues.

RULE 29 - SENIORITY DISPATCH FOR RELIEFS

29.1 Applicability

This Rule shall be used for filling regular relief master positions. All relief positions shall be bid by seniority.

29.2 Eligibility

All reliefs shall be available and qualified to work all assignments and routes or forfeit their guaranteed time. In addition, all reliefs shall have no barrier to entry to Canada.

29.3 Regular Relief Masters Free Days

A. Prior to the start of the fall and summer seasons, immediately following the seasonal bid, regular relief masters shall bid on free days.

Master's assigned as a relief master for the season, whether it is a permanent or temporary assignment, shall fill out a Free Day Bid Form and return it to the bid administrator. Free days will be assigned on a seniority basis.

B. If a relief vacates their assignment at any time during the season, the master that wins the bid for that position shall assume the same free days as the ones held by the relief that vacated the assignment. The parties agree that a relief cannot bid to another relief position in order to change free days.

C. If an additional relief position is created by mutual agreement between WSF and MM&P at any time during the season, then WSF may select the free days for that position based on business needs.

D. When bidding the temporary assignments associated with [Subsections \(A\)](#) and [\(B\)](#), above, the free days assigned to that job shall be listed as part of the temporary bid notification by the bid administrator.

29.4 Relief Initial Selection Process

A. Prior to each work period, available job assignments will be emailed to reliefs and the Union prior to dispatch calling reliefs by seniority. Touring watches shall not be broken up for selection purposes.

1. Version One will be emailed on Saturday with a supplemental version emailed on Wednesday.
2. Assignment selections will commence on Wednesday of the week prior to the work period and will be completed by Saturday.
3. Final selections shall be emailed to all reliefs and the Union, ~~prior to the start of the work period or~~ when the initial selection process has been completed.

B. Selection

Job selections will start with Float Crew LDOs by seniority, then the most senior relief master, working down the relief master's list by seniority until all jobs are taken or everyone has been offered the available choices.

- C. Reliefs that have selected seventy-six (76) to eighty-four (84) hours of work have fulfilled their obligation to work in that work period and have now established days off. Call back pay shall not be paid if the relief selects between seventy-six (76) and eighty-four (84) hours of work during the initial selection process. Reliefs will not be offered additional jobs until all reliefs have met the seventy-six (76) hour threshold.
- D. Reliefs who have selected between seventy-six (76) and seventy-nine (79) hours have the right to refuse additional jobs. Overtime incurred in the application of this Rule is not in violation of the overtime list in Rule 9, Overtime.

E. Unfilled Assignments

1. If a relief does not select an available job and jobs are unfilled after initial selection, reliefs shall be dispatched from the bottom of the seniority list upward to fill any remaining jobs.
2. The least senior relief will choose among remaining jobs until the relief has a minimum of seventy-six (76) hours or until no assignable work remains. If multiple jobs exist, the next relief on the list will choose among remaining jobs until the relief has a minimum of seventy-six (76) hours or until no assignable work remains. ~~The least senior relief will choose a remaining job. If multiple jobs exist, the next relief on the list will choose from the remaining jobs.~~ This practice will continue moving from the bottom of the seniority list in an upward direction until all jobs are filled. A relief shall not be assignable to a watch that starts within eighteen (18) hours of the end of a scheduled Friday Harbor shift.
3. Reliefs who were assigned a job by Subsections (E)(1) and (2), above, and the assignment's travel time is more than three (3) hours round trip as described in Schedules A and D, may choose to call dispatch daily to request a reassignment. At the request of these reliefs, dispatch ~~shall~~ may offer reassignment by seniority for the day that was assigned under the following conditions:

- A. If there are more than twelve (12) hours prior to the start of both of the assignments, Dispatch shall offer the open position to the relief requesting reassignment before offering the open position to extra relief deck officers, before offering the open position to regular relief mates as extra hours and before offering the open position on overtime from the Captain's Overtime Availability List (COAL).
- B. If there are less than twelve (12) hours before the start of the original or the requested reassignment shift, dispatch may offer reassignment.
- C. If there are less than twelve (12) hours before the start of the original and the requested reassignment shift, dispatch may offer reassignment in consideration of travel time.

Reassigned days shall not alter any other previously selected job.

~~if there is a minimum of twelve (12) hours prior to the start of at least one (1) of the assignments. Dispatch shall offer the open position to the relief requesting reassignment before offering the open position to extra relief deck officer's, before offering the open position to regular relief mates as extra hours and before offering the open position on overtime from the Captain's Overtime Availability List (COAL). Dispatch, at their discretion, may offer reassignment by seniority for the day that was assigned if there is less than twelve (12) hours prior to the start of both assignments. Reassigned days shall not alter any previously selected jobs.~~

F. Cancellation of Relief Assignments

When a relief has a job cancelled, the relief shall be assigned only to jobs that appear in the deck schedule as an AM for AM or PM for PM shift or additional work that falls outside of the deck schedule (i.e. sea trials, annuals, boat moves) between the hours of midnight to midnight. Reliefs shall not be assigned to graveyard shifts, or any shift that interferes with previously scheduled work or the relief's free days. In no instance can a new assignment conflict with the twelve (12) hour rule.

29.5 Regular Relief Initial Dispatch Rules

- A. During the initial selection processes as detailed in [Section 29.4](#), above, reliefs will be called in seniority order at two (2) phone numbers known by WSF between 0800 and 1900 hours, or anytime that a relief is on duty. If a relief is at work they will be called on the ship's telephone or the ship's radio in order to make contact with the relief.
- B. After each relief has made a selection, within thirty (30) minutes the dispatcher shall send the next relief the most current version via email and call the relief informing them the updated list has been sent. The relief will then have thirty (30) minutes to review the updated list and return the call before selecting from open

assignments. If the dispatcher is aware of a delay of more than thirty (30) minutes, or there has been a delay of thirty (30) minutes, they shall e-mail the reliefs with a timely update. If the relief does not return the call within thirty (30) minutes, the dispatcher may move on to the next relief. However, a relief working on the Seattle-Bremerton route, the Anacortes-San Juan-Sidney route, or who is in transit to work will have until they arrive on watch, or if in transit from work will have one (1) hour to return the call. Reliefs that are at work will be afforded reasonable time to fulfill job selections based on route and workload.

- C. When the relief LDO who has not returned the phone call to dispatch in the timeframe listed above, does make contact with dispatch, the relief will be offered all jobs that are still remaining in the initial selection process.
- D. Upon completion of the Initial Selection Process for both mates and masters, dispatch will begin calling reliefs, by seniority, who have chosen between seventy-six (76) and seventy-nine (79) hours to offer all known overtime shifts as extra hours.

29.6 Day-to-Day Relief Dispatch

- A. If insufficient work is available or a relief has selected less than seventy-six (76) to eighty-four (84) hours, day-to-day dispatching of incoming assignments will be offered by seniority to reliefs available on that day.
- B. When called, a relief may turn down the job offer, as long as there is a less senior relief available for that job assignment. The least senior relief must take the job assignment. A relief shall not be assignable to a watch that starts within eighteen (18) hours of the end of a scheduled Friday Harbor shift except in the case of an employee working both halves of a tour. A relief LDO dispatched to Friday Harbor for a single shift shall not be assignable to the second half of the tour after the initial call, unless there is at least twelve (12) hours prior to the start of the tour.
- C. Reliefs who have selected less than seventy-six (76) hours in a work period may be offered any assignment that totals seventy-six (76) to eighty-four (84) hours worked.
- D. When an assignment is offered where the total hours worked would exceed eighty-four (84) hours it may be rejected without penalty. However, reliefs may elect to accept offered assignments that exceed the eighty-four (84) hour threshold.
- E. Any relief who has not reached seventy-six (76) hours is subject to assignment up to eighty-four (84) hours.
- F. Reliefs who were assigned a job and the assignment's travel time is more than three (3) hours round trip as described in Schedules A and D, or to and from Friday Harbor, may choose to call dispatch daily to request a reassignment. At the request of these reliefs, dispatch shall offer all available jobs for reassignment by seniority for any day the relief is available to work provided it does not alter previously selected jobs. Dispatch shall offer the open position to the relief requesting

reassignment before offering the open position to extra relief deck officers, before offering the open position to relief masters as extra hours, and before offering the position on overtime from the Captain's Overtime Availability list (COAL). Dispatch, at their discretion, may offer reassignment by seniority any day the relief is available to work, even if there is less than twelve (12) hours prior to the start of both of the assignments. Reassigned days shall not alter previously selected jobs. Relief deck officers who have requested assignment and are subsequently bypassed by dispatch shall be paid a penalty of travel time to and from the originally assigned job in accordance with Schedules [A](#) and [D](#). Reassignment shall occur on the same day as the original assignment until the LDO has established days off. Once days off have been established, reassignment may occur on any remaining available day. If the employee has not answered the call or returned a call to dispatch within fifteen (15) minutes, the employee is not entitled to the penalty.

29.7 **Day-to-Day Dispatch Rules**

During the day-to-day dispatching process, reliefs shall be available for calls between 0800 and 1900. If a relief is at work, they shall be considered to be available for calls until ring off or 1900 whichever is later. ~~the same~~ These timelines ~~listed in Section 29.5, above~~ will be in effect with the following exceptions:

- A. Job assignments that are received by WSF dispatch that are more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the ~~call assignment~~ to the relief. In no instance shall a relief be called before 8:00 am or within ten (10) hours from the previous shift's ending time. The relief will have ~~one (1) hour~~ thirty (30) minutes to return the call to accept or reject the assignment. ~~If the job assignment has less than twenty-four (24) hours, the relief may be called after eight (8) hours off from the previous shift ending time and then will follow the timelines listed in Section 29.5, above.~~
- B. If the job assignment begins within twenty-four (24) hours, the relief may be called after eight (8) hours off from the previous shift ending time. Unfilled job assignments that begin less than twenty-four (24) hours from start time of the watch shall be offered to reliefs by seniority. The relief will have fifteen (15) minutes to return the call before moving on to the next senior relief. If a relief does not return the call or accept the assignment, dispatch shall move down the list and offer the assignment to the next eligible relief on the list.
- C. For open job assignments that are received by WSF dispatch less than six (6) hours prior to the start of the watch, or two (2) hours prior to the scheduled closing of dispatch, dispatch shall follow seniority order to find the first available LDO (relief or regular) who will be available to work at the start of the work shift, and the timelines above in 29.7 B shall not apply. If there is less than four (4) hours to the start time of the shift, dispatch shall not be obligated to follow seniority order to find the first available (relief or regular) who will be available to work at the start of the work shift. ~~Job assignments that are received by WSF dispatch that are less than four (4) hours from the time of the job are not subject to the timelines above. Calls made to the relief will be in seniority order to find the first available relief who will be available to work at the start of the work shift.~~

- D. Failure to return phone call in the timelines listed will not jeopardize a relief's claim to guaranteed time unless the relief is the least senior relief for the day of the job assignment. Calls to reliefs on their free days, vacation leave, compensatory time or sick leave or other scheduled days off shall not jeopardize the reliefs claim to guarantee time, except as in subsection E below.
- E. On a reliefs free day(s), if the relief has notified dispatch they intend to take their free day(s) as an established day(s) off, they will be entered in AOSS as free day(s) and dispatch will not need to call again for any open jobs that fall on their declared free day(s). Reliefs shall be called for all other assignments other than for work on their free days. If a relief is not available to answer the call, dispatch shall leave a message of all available jobs following the timelines in 29.7 A and B above.

On a reliefs established free day(s), dispatch shall only call the relief for same day job assignments that are ~~received-unfilled by WSF dispatch that~~ and are less than four (4) hours from the start time of the job.

The day prior to a relief being available to work after their free day(s), the relief shall be assignable between 1700 – 1900 hours for a call(s) from dispatch for work the following morning. The relief shall have fifteen (15) minutes to return the call. Failure to return the phone call in the timelines listed above will not jeopardize a relief's claim to guaranteed time unless the relief is the least senior relief for the day of the job assignment. ~~When calling reliefs on their free day(s) off, dispatch will state, "this is your free day, would you like to know all jobs available?" If the relief says, "yes," then dispatch will proceed reading all available jobs. At this point the relief either chooses a job or takes their free day(s). Once a relief has chosen to take their free day(s) they will be entered in AOSS as free days and dispatch will not need to call again for any open jobs.~~

- F. If a relief is called for work that falls on their free day(s) and dispatch is at-in assignment mode (last available by seniority) they may ask to hear all jobs available without the risk of being assigned if no job is chosen.

29.8 Relief's Use of Compensatory Time

If a regular relief selects job assignments and has seventy-six (76) to eighty-four (84) hours of work during the work period without using their scheduled compensatory time off, the relief shall not use their compensatory time and the compensatory time shall be automatically cancelled.

A Relief LDO who has been approved and awarded compensatory time on their free days to ensure they have eighty (80) hours of approved compensatory time for an eighty (80) hour work cycle may use compensatory time for that purpose.

29.9 Relief Pay Practices

- A. All reliefs shall be paid at the applicable pay rate by classification, plus mileage in accordance with Schedules A and D.
- B. Friday Harbor

Reliefs shall receive an additional five (5) hours at base pay rate, round trip as a stipend when working the Inter Island vessel, should that vessel commence out of Friday Harbor. The parties agree that no LDO can compound the stipend and be paid round trip to each half of a tour on the Friday Harbor tie-up vessel.

Travel time from Anacortes to Friday Harbor shall be two and one-half (2½) hours. It is further agreed that Friday Harbor and/or Inter Island home ported reliefs shall not receive a stipend.

Relief employees working overtime and traveling to Friday Harbor shall receive travel time and mileage but shall not receive the stipend.

~~Travel time for Anacortes to Friday Harbor shall be two and one-half (2½) hours. It is further agreed that Friday Harbor and/or Inter Island home ported reliefs shall not receive a stipend.~~

C. Optional Drive Around

All reliefs with job assignments on a route where ferry service is unavailable as per the Krebs arbitration award, or for a morning shift with no vessel service on the route or on an adjacent route for a relief to get to or from an assignment, may elect to drive around and be paid mileage, point to point, as per Schedules [A](#) and [D](#).

D. Port of Embarkation Other than a WSF Terminal

If a relief is assigned to a boat move or a sea trial because of special pilotage needs and is required to go to a port of embarkation other than an established WSF terminal, travel time will be paid per Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), at the applicable base rate of pay. If the port of embarkation is not on Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), the relief shall use MapQuest and request the most customary and reasonably direct route which shall be the agreed upon distance and time. Reliefs shall attach the MapQuest document to their pay document.

E. Promotion of a Relief Mate to Master

Promotion of a relief mate to master will be paid at the relief master rate plus mileage per Schedules [A](#) and [D](#).

29.10 Bumping Not Allowed

Once reliefs have selected their shifts, they cannot bump another relief out of their selection and cannot relinquish their pre-selected shifts for a different opening except to promote from mate to master.

29.11 Reports to the Union

WSF shall email to the Union, during the first week following the work period copies of the on-call list for regular reliefs which shall include actual assignments worked for each work period including mate to master, and each instance that a master has worked overtime covering an open mate position.

RULE 30 - SAVINGS PROVISIONS

30.1 Partial Invalidity

If any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction finds any Rule, Section or portion of this Agreement to be contrary to law or invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

30.2 Replacement Provisions

If such a finding is made, the parties shall immediately enter into collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually agreed upon modification for the invalid Rule, Section or portion.

RULE 31 - TERMS OF AGREEMENT

31.1 Duration

All provisions of this Agreement will become effective July 1, ~~2023~~2025, and remain in full force and effect through June 30, ~~2025~~2027.

31.2 Opening Period

Either party may request negotiations of a successor Agreement by giving written notification no later than September 1, ~~2023~~2025. Negotiations will begin at times agreed upon by the parties.

ADDENDUM A – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (TOP 5)
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTERS,
MATES AND PILOTS
AND
WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES

IN FULL AND COMPLETE SETTLEMENT of the grievance case scheduled for January 31, 2003, before Arbitrator John B. Coyle, FMCS No. 02-12788, the parties, the International Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots (IOMM&P) and Washington State Ferries (WSF), hereby agree as follows:

- A. To meet on a regular, but not less than quarterly, basis, to review the specific number of extra relief deck officers entitled to travel pay and mileage, as well as the number of additional temporary and extended temporary regular relief mate positions.
- B. That the number of additional positions shall be two (2) additional temporary relief mates and two (2) extended temporary relief mates for the spring 2003 bid period in February 2003.
- C. That the number of extra relief deck officers entitled to travel pay and mileage shall be five (5) for the spring 2003 bid period in February 2003.
- D. Expedited Arbitration
Should the parties fail to reach agreement regarding the number of additional temporary and extended temporary regular relief mate positions, or the number of extra relief deck officers, the dispute shall be resolved according to the following procedure:
 - 1. At the start of the meeting referenced in paragraph A above, the parties shall agree upon an arbitrator, or confirm that an arbitrator previously selected is acceptable to both parties.
 - 2. At the close of the meeting referenced in paragraph A above, either party may request arbitration if the parties have not been able to reach agreement.
 - 3. After the request for arbitration has been made, either party may notify the arbitrator in writing that expedited arbitration is required regarding numbers on which agreement has not been reached.
 - 4. The arbitrator shall notify the parties on the method for the parties presenting input orally and/or in writing.
 - 5. Based upon the input of the parties, the arbitrator shall issue a written decision not later than three (3) business days after written notification has been received by the

arbitrator. The decision shall specify the number of positions in each unresolved category.

6. It is the parties' mutual intent to agree upon numbers in each category to achieve the following result:
 - a. Extra relief deck officers shall not be regularly working as deck officers on a full-time or close to full-time basis. In no event shall the number of extra relief deck officers be less than five (5).
 - b. Vacation relief deck officers, regular relief deck officers, temporary and extended temporary regular relief mate positions shall be working on a full-time or close to full-time basis, and shall not be working a typical amount of paid guaranteed time.

Any arbitrator's decision should be guided by the above principles.

- E. The intent of this Agreement is to clarify that any deck officer on any current IOMM&P seniority list and not presently assigned to any position is defined as an "extra relief deck officer." Of these, a specified limited number of "extra relief deck officers" shall be paid travel pay and mileage. Such specific limited number of extra relief deck officers shall be as determined by the provisions of this Agreement, but in no event shall be less than five (5).
- F. Each party shall pay one-half (1/2) of any applicable fees to Arbitrator Coyle as per the agreement of the parties.

ADDENDUM B – STAFF MASTER

Selection Process for Staff Master

The staff master concept is based on a route and vessel assignment with one (1) staff master per vessel who is selected through a seniority bid process. There will be no permanent staff master assigned to a relief vessel that is not on a route. The senior master bidding the route on each seasonal bid would be the staff master if the master agrees to assume the duties and responsibilities of this position. The staff master will not be bumped from the position of staff master for the duration of the season they are in ~~the staff master position~~ unless they are removed for just cause. ~~If Should~~ the senior master declines the staff master position, the next senior master on the designated vessel on the route would be offered the opportunity and so forth.

Bidding:

Masters who have documented performance disqualifiers are not eligible to bid to a staff master position. Prior to the scheduled seasonal phone bump, the employer shall notify in writing any LDO whose name appears on the master's eligibility list of any such documented performance disqualifiers that will prevent them from bidding to a Staff Master position. Prior to the scheduled seasonal phone bump, the list of LDOs deemed not eligible to bid shall be provided to the union.

“Documented performance disqualifiers” include, but are not limited to, documented repetitive violations of the WSF Code of Conduct within the last year, or discipline which has not been removed or is not scheduled to be removed from the employee’s personnel file.

Subsequent bidding after the initial bid due to any other contract requirement shall apply as follows:

- A. If the staff master chooses to leave the vessel number/route, they do not take the staff master designation with them; the next senior master on the vessel number/route would be offered the opportunity and so forth.
- B. The staff master on the vessel number/route who bids to an extended temporary position on a different watch on the same vessel on the same route retains the designation of staff master.
- C. If the staff master on the vessel number/route vacates the vessel number/route, the staff master designation for that vessel number/route will be offered to the next senior master on the vessel number route who has been permanently assigned to the vessel number/route. Should that master decline the staff master position, it will be offered to the next senior master permanently assigned to the vessel number/route and so on through the watches associated with that vessel number/route. In the event none of the permanently assigned masters on the vessel number/route accept the staff master assignment, the least senior master on the vessel number/route shall be designated the staff master for that vessel number/route.
- D. Whenever a Licensed Deck Officer (LDO) is assigned to a staff master position for a period of one hundred sixty (160) consecutive working hours, and/or is dispatched on a daily basis

specifically to perform the staff master duties, the LDO shall be paid staff master rate of pay for the time/duties performed and the pay shall not be for less than eight (8) hours.

- E. Whenever a staff master is absent from their position for one hundred sixty (160) consecutive working hours or more, the next senior master on the vessel number/route shall be offered the opportunity to temporarily assume the staff master position until the permanent staff master's return.

Displaced Staff Master

- A. If during a phone bump for a permanent position a staff master is displaced from a staff master position on a vessel number/route by a more senior master bumping into a position on the same vessel number/route, that displaced staff master shall have the right to a bump by seniority.
- B. If during an optional bid for permanent positions, a staff master is displaced from a staff master position on a vessel number/route by a more senior master bidding into a position on the same vessel number/route, that displaced master shall have the right to a bump by seniority on the next available phone bump.

Compensation

- A. A staff master will be paid travel time and mileage as per Schedules [A](#) and [D](#), when they are required to travel from their home port.
- B. If the staff master is called at home on time off by the port captain, compensation will be paid at overtime in eighteen (18) minute increments.
- C. If a staff master is required by the port captain to call another master on their "time off," that master shall be paid a minimum of eighteen minutes (18) of overtime and then consistent with Rule 9.
- D. Any master [who is off duty, and is](#) called by the staff master at the direction of the port captain, that master shall be paid a minimum of eighteen (18) minutes of overtime, consistent with [Rule 9](#).
- E. When a staff master is on approved leave, i.e. sick, vacation, compensatory time, they shall be compensated at the staff master rate of pay.

Performance

- A. A staff master shall serve an initial probationary period of six (6) months.

Staff masters shall be evaluated at the conclusion of their six (6) month probationary period. Any staff master that does not meet acceptable standards will remain on probation for another [three \(3\)](#)~~six (6)~~ month period. If acceptable standards have not been met at the end of the second, [three \(3\)](#)~~six (6)~~ month probationary period, ~~a final six (6) month probationary period will be granted.~~ A staff master who fails to meet the final Peer Review Committee's acceptable standards will be removed from the staff master designation.

The staff master, after successfully completing their ~~six (6) month~~ probationary period, will be considered a staff master in good standing, and ~~may~~ shall be evaluated annually.

If poor performance exists ~~prior to the six (6) month~~ during the probationary period, an emergency meeting may be held by the Peer Review Committee to inform the staff master that they need to improve performance.

After reviewing the facts, the Peer Review Committee may meet with the staff master and inform the employee of the areas they need to improve and will have ninety (90) days to improve their performance.

B. If the Peer Review Committee deadlocks on whether a staff master should be removed for their staff master designation, the Director of Marine Operations shall make the final decision, and the decision shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

C. Peer Review Committee: three (3) MM&P/three (3) WSF Management Peer Review Committee paid by WSF, including travel time and mileage where applicable.

D. The Port Captains shall evaluate Staff Masters annually as per section A above. Port Captains shall visit the Staff Master, on watch at least on a seasonal basis.

Performance Evaluations

Performance Evaluations will be developed by MM&P subject matter experts and representatives of WSF management. WSF and MM&P will form a committee to create the performance evaluation criteria for all LDO's with a target date for completion of December 31, 2023.

ADDENDUM C – PIER 50-52 PARKING

Parking: If changes are to be made at Piers 50-52 regarding parking then the parties will open the Agreement only to negotiate parking considerations.

**A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT,
LABOR RELATIONS SECTION
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between The Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division (WSF), The International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots (MM&P) and The State of Washington, Office of Financial Management, Labor Relations Section (Employer) is entered into for the purposes of obtaining a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) with the MM&P which ensures that OFM confidential information is provided, protected, and used only for purposes authorized by the data sharing agreement.

DSAs are part of a suite of tools designated to safeguard and protect employee information. DSAs are a best practice when an agency shares category 3 or higher data. Additionally, the Office of the Chief Information Officer outlines in policy #141.10 that when an agency shared category 3 or higher data outside of their agency, an agreement must be in place unless otherwise prescribed by law.

Data shared under the DSA will be in response to but not limited to, information requests, status reports, and voluntary deductions reporting as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement and covers both Category 3 and 4 data, including Personal Information and Confidential Information that OFM may provide.

(3) Category 3 – Confidential Information

Confidential information is information that is specifically protected from either release or disclosure by law. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Personal information as defined in [RCW 42.56.590](#) and [RCW 19.255.010](#).
- b. Information about public employees as defined in [RCW 42.56.250](#).
- c. Lists of individuals for commercial purposes as defined in [RCW 42.56.070](#) (9).
- d. Information about the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunication networks as defined in [RCW 42.56.420](#).

(4) Category 4 – Confidential Information Requiring Special Handling

Confidential information requiring special handling is information that is specifically protected from disclosure by law and for which:

- a. Especially strict handling requirements are dictated, such as by statutes, regulations, or agreements.
- b. Serious consequences could arise from unauthorized disclosure, such as threats to health and safety, or legal sanctions.

**CB. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
AND
PEBB COALITION OF UNIONS**

Medical Flexible Spending Arrangement Work Group

Since the 2019-2021 PEBB healthcare agreement between the Coalition of Unions and the State of Washington, the parties have agreed to a benefit involving a Medical Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA). Due to unknown reasons, a majority of eligible employees did not use some or all of this benefit.

The parties agree to use the already scheduled quarterly series of meetings between Health Care Authority (HCA), Office of Financial Management (OFM) and Union staff representatives to review data and discuss possible options and solutions to increase represented employees' awareness and utilization of the FSA benefit. The parties will focus their efforts on the following items:

1. Creating an introductory paragraph explaining the FSA benefit for represented employees for use in HCA communications. This communication shall include all the participatory unions' logos and/or names provided by the unions as well as HCA/PEBB branding.
2. Exploring the option of sharing a list of all eligible employees who did not use the ~~two~~ three hundred ~~fifty~~ dollar (\$~~250~~300) benefit for the previous calendar year.
3. Creating a timely and targeted communication for those employees who have not yet accessed their FSA benefit.
4. Reviewing existing communications provided to new employees about the FSA benefit.
5. Assisting the Coalition of Unions with providing information to their members about the FSA benefit.
6. Ensuring that any information shared protects employees' personally identifiable information and protected health information.
7. Exploring options to provide access to this information for non-English speakers, for example, a flyer in multiple languages with notification of these benefits.

This MOU will expire on June 30, 202~~7~~5.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ONLY.

This tentative agreement will only become final if it is first determined to be financially feasible by OFM and subsequently funded by the Legislature in the 2025-2027 budget.

For the Employer

Date

For the Healthcare Coalition

Date

/s/

8/21/2024

/s/

8/22/2024

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~~**D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**~~
~~**BETWEEN**~~
~~**THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**~~
~~**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, STATE HUMAN RESOURCES,**~~
~~**LABOR RELATIONS SECTION**~~
~~**AND**~~
~~**THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,**~~
~~**FERRIES DIVISION**~~
~~**AND**~~
~~**THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS:**~~
~~**WATCH CENTER SUPERVISORS, MATES/PILOTS, AND MASTERS/PILOTS**~~
~~**LEAVE WITH PAY IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 23-05**~~

~~On August 19, 2023, Governor Jay Inslee issued emergency Proclamation 23-05 declaring a state of emergency exists in all areas of the state of Washington. All state agencies have been directed to utilize state resources to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event. Because the threat to life and property from existing wildfires is extraordinary and significant and has caused harm to state employees as well as extensive damage to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure, all impacting the life and health of state employees throughout Washington State, the parties enter into this agreement for the purpose of assisting state employees who have been directly impacted by this emergency.~~

~~Beginning August 19, 2023 forward, the following shall apply:~~

~~The Employer may temporarily grant up to three (3) days of leave with pay per occurrence to employees who are experiencing extraordinary or severe impacts, such as displacement from their homes temporarily or permanently through evacuation or significant damage or loss. Employers may require verification of the use of leave with pay.~~

~~If three (3) days of leave with pay are approved, an employee is not required to use the three (3) days of leave with pay consecutively, and it does not need to be taken in full day increments.~~

~~This MOU will expire when the emergency proclamation 23-05 has been rescinded or when the emergency rule is rescinded, whichever is first.~~

~~Dated: August 31, 2023~~

For the Employer:

For the Union:

~~/s/~~

~~/s/~~

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~~Captain Dan Twohig, Vice President
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