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**NOTICE
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MEETING**

**Thursday
October 15, 2026**

1100 – Regular Meeting

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WASHINGTON STATE
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA

October 15, 2026

2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121 – 1st Floor Agate Conference Room
and

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(Public comment accepted at the discretion of the Chair and prior to the end of the meeting)

1100 hours Call to order

REGULAR MEETING

1. BPC Staff Report
2. BPC Chair Report
3. Activity Reports (5 minutes each)
 - a. Port of Grays Harbor (PGH)
 - b. The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)
 - c. Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)
 - d. Puget Sound Pilots (PSP)
 - e. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

NEW BUSINESS (Public comment accepted)

4. Board Action – MSOs

a.	(TUG TAURUS)	09/14/2026	PS
b.	CARNIVAL SPIRIT	09/15/2026	PS
c.	EVER SMILE	09/19/2026	PS
d.	MAHO CORAL	09/21/2026	PS
e.	PORT PHILIP	09/28/2026	PS
f.	SEAWAYS LOMA	09/29/2026	PS
g.	(T18 OIL BOOM)	10/01/2026	PS
g.	(VTS OUTAGES)	09/28/2026	PS
5. Board Action – September 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
6. Board Action – Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC)
 - i. Board Action – Pilot License Upgrade Program: Captains Mann, Riddle, and Britton
 - ii. Board Action - Out of Rotation Policy Draft
 - iii. Board Action – One-time Stipend Increase for Simulator Training – Trainees Aherns, Anderson, and Rogers
 - iv. Committee Updates
7. Board Action – Request for Vessel Exemption:

a.	Sailing Yacht	NINGALOO	New (145 FT, 244 GT)	INTERIM
b.	Motor Yacht	LADY DI	New (80 FT, 140 GT)	INTERIM
c.	Motor Yacht	EMOTIONAL	New (174 FT, 497 GT)	INTERIM

1230 15-MINUTE BREAK

8. Board Action – Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports
 - a. Possible Board Action – New Board Designated Physician: D.O. Charles Nguyen (Seattle Aviation Clinic)
9. Tug Escort Rule Assessment Updates
10. Committee & Work Group Reports:
 - a. Pilotage Act Advisory Committee (PAAC)
 - b. Pilot Safety Committee (PSC)
 - c. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee (DEIBC)
11. Proposed 2027 BPC Regular Public Meeting Dates
12. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 1100 – Regular Meeting (Hybrid – Teams/2901 Building)	Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 1100 – Regular Meeting (Hybrid – Teams/2901 Building)
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13. Public Comment
14. Adjourn



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BPC Mission: to ensure against the loss of lives, loss of or damage to property and vessels, and to protect the marine environment by maintaining efficient and competent pilotage service on our State's inland waters.

THE BPC PILOTAGE QUARTERLY

AUTUMN 2026

Announcements

Quiet Sound Admiralty Inlet Slowdown

The Admiralty Inlet Slowdown began on September 4, 2026, and runs through early 2027.

Find out more in the [Quiet Sound Press Release](#) regarding this program.

Read the Results of 2025-2026 Voluntary Commercial Vessel Slowdown in Washington Waters for the Protection of SRKWs [here](#).

AUGUST 2026

QUIET SOUND

A Program of Maritime Blue

Results of 2025-2026 Voluntary Commercial Vessel Slowdown in Washington Waters for the Protection of Southern Resident Killer Whales

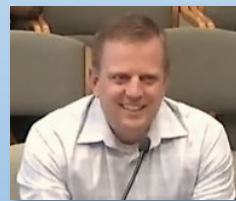


Image courtesy of Quiet Sound

Transitions at the BPC

As we observe the changing of the season, we also see transitions in the make-up of the Board.

In September, BPC's U.S. Flag Shipping Representative Andrew Drennen stepped away from his role on the Board due to a change in his workload at Polar Tankers. Commissioner Drennen joined the Board on January 15, 2021, and was a valuable participant in the Board's work and committees including Co-Chairing the Pilot Safety Committee.



Commissioner Drennen during a Senate confirmation hearing.



From left: Jolene Hamel, Captain John Scragg, and Jaimie Bever at the BPC office.

Former BPC Pilot Representative and Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) Chair Captain John Scragg retired from Puget Sound Pilots in September. Captain Scragg served the State of Washington for 16 years. In addition to chairing the TEC, he was also a Co-Chair of the Pilot Safety Committee.

We are very pleased to announce that BPC Public Representative Captain Jason Hamilton, USCG (Ret), has been reappointed by Governor Ferguson to the Board for another 4-year-term. Commissioner Hamilton brings to his role on the Board extensive experience from his days in command of a Coast Guard Cutter and then as a USCG attorney.



Commissioner Jason Hamilton.

The BPC thanks Commissioners Drennen, Scragg, and Hamilton for their impeccable service to Washington state!

There is currently a vacancy on the Board for a U.S. Shipping Representative. The Governor's Office is in the process of reviewing potential appointments.

For more information about appointments to a Washington State Board or Commission, visit the Governor's website at <https://governor.wa.gov/boards-and-commissions/boards-commissions>.

Women Offshore Conference Wrap-up

District Snapshots

Puget Sound



Retirements:

Captain John Scragg

Thank you for your service to the State of Washington!

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

Captain Ryan Gartner

Well done, Captain!

Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Woodworth, Bolton, Butterfield, Aherns, Anderson, Rogers, Adams, Omdal, and Sullivan



Pilot Trainee Captain Drew Butterfield training in the Duwamish Waterway.

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

There are currently no trainees in Grays Harbor.

The 9th Annual Women Offshore Conference was held in Houston, TX October 1st and 2nd. Washington pilotage was well represented by BPC Executive Director Jaimie Bever and Training Program Manager Jolene Hamel as well as Puget Sound pilot Captain Sandy Bendixen and Puget Sound Pilots Administrative Coordinator Jill Taylor.

The theme for the 2026 conference was *Yes, You Can*. Conference session highlights included sea stories panels from women in various positions within the maritime industry, defining identity in work and life, the workshops Building Resilience by Turning Complainers into Collaborators and Reading the Room, and discussions on navigating unexpected turns.

The BPC and Puget Sound Pilots are proud sponsors of Women Offshore conferences and have been regular attendees since the first conference.



Captain Sandy Bendixen.

Captain Sandy Bendixen always goes above and beyond in connecting with cadets and pilot aspirants. We are grateful for her enthusiasm and willingness to help amplify the pipeline to pilotage and provide mentorship.

The mission of [Women Offshore](https://womenoffshore.org), as stated on their website, is to "propel our members into meaningful careers through our global community and professional development resources, while raising awareness of industry challenges".



From left: Jolene Hamel and Jaimie Bever at the BPC and Puget Sound Pilots table.

Marine Exchange Annual Meeting



The Marine Exchange of Puget Sound held their annual meeting on September 24, 2026.

Congratulations to Marine Exchange Executive Director Patrick Gallagher for a valuable and informative meeting, and for his new role as the President of the Washington Maritime Federation! Well deserved!

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Quarterly Key Performance Indicators Dashboard

12 MONTHS ENDING: Sep 30, 2026

Safety

Rest Rule Exceptions

Puget Sound District
KPI target: rate of 0.3% or less
(3 or less per 1000 assigns)

2025 Q4	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3
0.24% ✓ 1672 assigns 4 rest exc.	0.00% ✓ 1632 assigns 0 rest exc.	0.10% ✓ 2023 assigns 2 rest exc.	0.00% ✓ 2106 assigns 0 rest exc.

This KPI counts rest rule exceptions. Any exceptions associated with emergent situations are excluded. The most common emergent situation is a ship dragging anchor in severe weather.

Grays Harbor District
KPI target: 1 or less per year

2025 Q4	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3
0 ✓ 80 assigns 0 rest exc.	0 ✓ 98 assigns 0 rest exc.	0 ✓ 76 assigns 0 rest exc.	0 ✓ 92 assigns 0 rest exc.

Rest rules require 1) that pilots have 10 hours rest between assignments, 2) that multiple assignments (e.g. harbor shifts) not exceed 13 hours total duration.

The BPC Pilot Safety Committee reviews rest rule exceptions each quarter.

Unsafe Transfer Arrangements Resulting in Fall or Injury

KPI target: 0

2025 Q4	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3
0 ✓	0 ✓	0 ✓	0 ✓

This KPI counts occurrences where a pilot or pilot trainee falls or is injured while embarking or disembarking a vessel with noncompliant transfer arrangement, or is physically endangered regardless of whether the incident results in physical injury.

Pollution Incidents (Spills) with Pilot Error

KPI target: 0

2025 Q4	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3
0 ✓	0 ✓	0 ✓	0 ✓

This KPI counts occurrences where actual or apparent collision, allision or grounding or navigational occurrence results in environmental damage (pollution/spill), with pilot error a contributing factor.

Other Incidents (Non-Pollution) with Pilot Error

KPI target: 0

2025 Q4	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3
0 ✓	0 ✓	0 ✓	0 ✓

This KPI counts occurrences where actual or apparent collision, allision or grounding or navigational occurrence results in personal injury or property damage, with pilot error a contributing factor.
(Pilot injury associated with noncompliant transfer arrangements reported under Unsafe Transfer Arrangements.)

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

DEIB Committee Meetings (quarterly)

KPI target: 1 meeting per quarter or more

2025 Q4	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3
Nov 17 ✓ Dec 1, 15 ✓ Exam Messaging	Feb 23 ✓ Mar 9, 23 ✓ Exam Messaging	Apr 1 ✓ May 18 ✓ June 18 ✓ DEIB Committee	Sept 8 ✓ DEIB Committee

DEIB Events Attendance and/or Sponsorship (yearly)

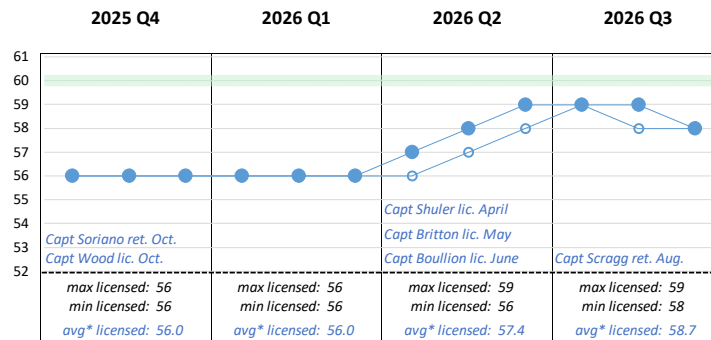
KPI target: 3 events per year or more

Year	Date	Event	Location	Atten.	Spons.
2025	Oct 8-10	Women Offshore Conference	Houston TX	✓	✓
2026	Feb 7-10	Women on the Water	Baltimore MD	✓	✓
2026	Mar 13-14	Women in Maritime Leadership	Vallejo CA	✓	✓

Pilot Training and Licensing

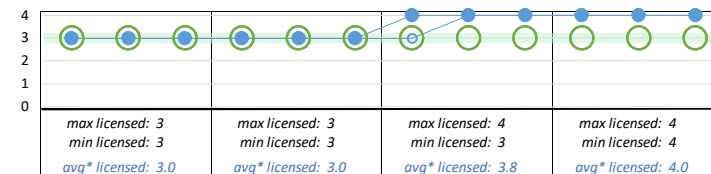
Number of Licensed Pilots

Puget Sound District
KPI target: authorized number of pilots (currently 60)



*average takes into account mid month retirements & licensures -- it is calculated using aggregate licensed days of all pilots

Grays Harbor District
KPI target: authorized number of pilots (currently 3)



*average takes into account mid month retirements & licensures -- it is calculated using aggregate licensed days of all pilots

Port of Grays Harbor

Pilotage Report

October 15, 2026

Pilotage Activity

There were a total of 12 arrivals in September (8 dry bulkers, 2 liquid bulkers and 2 RoRo's). This equated to 37 jobs. There was a ship that failed a hull inspection plus the shifting of the first vessel at T4B back to T2 to finish. Both of these accounted for some additional moves. For comparison, last year there were 9 arrivals for a total of 21 jobs in September.

Year to date through September there have been 95 arrivals for a total of 247 jobs. This compares to last year where we had 80 arrivals for a total of 206 jobs for the same period.

The early October schedule showed 14 arrivals: 9 dry bulkers, 1 liquid bulkers and 4 RoRo's.

T4B Startup

The second dry bulk vessel arrived at T4B on Sunday, September 20, 2026 and began loading on Monday, September 21, 2026. Soybean meal was loaded only using day shifts and the vessel completed loading on Thursday, October 29, 2026 and eventually sailed on October 30, 2026.

Additional modifications are being made to the ship loader and dumping operation at T4 prior to the next vessel that arrives at that berth at the end of October.

Grays Harbor Anchorages

Captain Leo and staff continue to have conversations with the Seattle District of the Army Corps of Engineers regarding potential anchorage designation sites to pursue with the US Coast Guard. We will continue to work through issues before we formulate a more formal plan to go back to the Coast Guard with and officially begin the designation process that will take several months, and likely a couple of years. Finding suitable anchorages that will be acceptable to the Quinault Indian Nation and other stakeholders will be critical for designation. We hope to have more information from the Corps that will enable next steps by mid-October.

PUGET SOUND PILOTAGE DISTRICT ACTIVITY REPORT

Sep-2026

The Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) requests the following information be provided to the BPC staff **no later than two working days prior to a BPC meeting** to give Commissioners ample time to review and prepare possible questions regarding the information provided.

Activity

Total pilotage assignments:	710	Cancellations:	11		
Total ship moves:	699	Cont'r:	159	Tanker:	246
				Genl/Bulk:	101
				Other:	193
Assignments delayed due to unavailable rested pilot:		27		Total delay time:	146.1 hours
Assignments delayed for efficiency reasons:		23		Total delay time:	52.25 hours
Billable delays by customers:		64		Total delay time:	179 hours
Order time changes by customers:		126			
2 pilot jobs:	30	Reason:	PSP GUIDELINES FOR RESTRICTED WATERWAYS		
Day of week & date of highest number of assignments:		Thursday, 9/10		33	
Day of week & date of lowest number of assignments:		Monday, 9/28		15	
Total number of pilot repositions:	126	Upgrade trips	7	YTD	102
3 consecutive night assignments:	45	YTD	345		

Callback Days/Comp Days

	Starting Total	Call Backs (+)	Used (-)	Burned (-)	Ending Total
Licensed	2381	92	80		2393
Unlicensed	134			14	120
Total	2515				2513

On watch assignments 611 Call back assignments 99 CBJ ratio 13.94%

Pilots Out of Regular Dispatch Rotation (pilot not available for dispatch during "regular" rotation)

A. Training & Continuing Education Programs

Start Dt	End Dt	City	Facility	Program Description	Pilot Attendees
18-Sep	28-Sep	Saint-Pierre-de-Bressieux	Port Revel	Manned Model	GAR(10off), MOO(10on*)
1-Sep	30-Sep			Upgrade Assignments On Duty	
1-Sep	30-Sep			Upgrade Assignments Off Duty	MIJ(2off), MOO(2off), SCS(2off), WOH
					* On Watch Off Watch ** paired to assign.
					10 17

B. Board, Committee & Key Government Meetings (BPC, PSP, USCG, USACE, Port & similar)

Start Dt	End Dt	City	Group	Meeting Description	Pilot Attendees
1-Sep	1-Sep	Seattle	PSP	Safe Practices	BOU, COL, JEN**, KLA*, MIJ, MOO*, MYE*, SEM
1-Sep	1-Sep	Seattle	PSP	Rate Committee	KNU*, MCG*
8-Sep	8-Sep	Seattle	BPC	Diversity, DEIB	FLE*, KNU*
14-Sep	14-Sep	Seattle	PSP	President	HAM
16-Sep	16-Sep	Seattle	BPC	TEC, BPC Prep	ANT, KNU
16-Sep	16-Sep	Seattle	BPC	TEC	BOZ*
16-Sep	16-Sep	Seattle	BPC	BPC Prep	HAM*
17-Sep	17-Sep	Grays Harbor	BPC	BPC	ANT, KNU
18-Sep	18-Sep	Seattle	PSP	Outreach, ORCA Quiet Sound	KAL
18-Sep	18-Sep	Seattle	PSP	Pension	HAM**, JEN, MCG, MIE*, MIL*
22-Sep	22-Sep	Seattle	PSP	BOD Prep	HAM*, GRK**

Start Dt	End Dt	City	Group	Meeting Description	Pilot Attendees		
24-Sep	24-Sep	Seattle	PSP	Outreach, Marex	KLA**		
29-Sep	30-Sep	Houston	PSP	Outreach, Women Offshore Conference	BEN(2off)		
29-Sep	29-Sep	Seattle	PSP	BOD	BOS*, GRK*, HAM*, KEP, MCG*, MIL		
30-Sep	30-Sep	Seattle	PSP	General Membership	GRK**		
30-Sep	30-Sep	Seattle	PSP	Efficiency	ANA, HAM, KLA**, STU, WOH*		
					* On Watch	Off Watch	** paired to assign.
					17	19	6
Safety/Regulatory							
Outreach							
Administrative							
C. Other (i.e. injury, not-fit-for-duty status, COVID risk							
Start Dt	End Dt	REASON	PILOT				
1-Sep	30-Sep	NFFD	VON				
1-Sep	15-Sep	NFFD	BOU				
Trailing 24 months revenue assignments 14,526							
Call back job ratio during the last 24 months (October 2024-September 2026) 10.24 %							

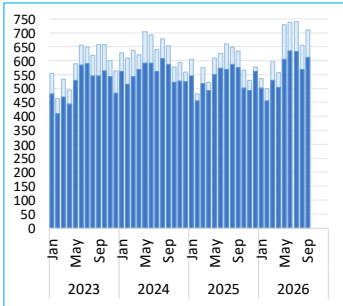
Puget Sound District
Activity Report Dashboard
2026 September

PS District
Trainees
9

Licensed Pilots
Including President
58
No changes since August.

Monthly Total
Assignment Count

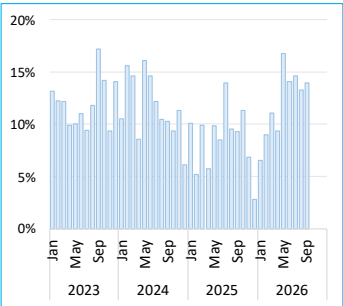
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611 On-Watch (dk blue), 99 Off-Watch (lt blue)

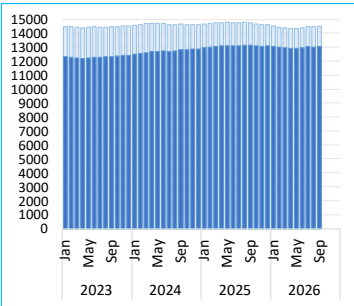
Monthly Off-Watch
Assignment Percentage

13.9%



Trailing 24 Total
Assignment Count

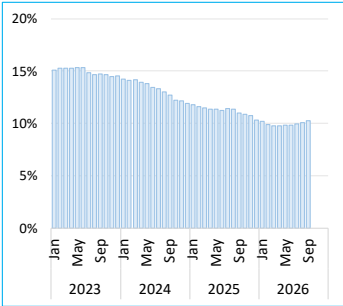
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13038 On-Watch (dk blue), 1488 Off-Watch (lt blue)

Trailing 24 Off-Watch
Assignment Percentage

10.2%



Licensed Pilots w/o Pres 57

Pilots NFFD whole month 1

Available Pilots 56

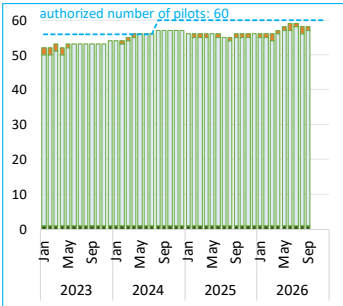
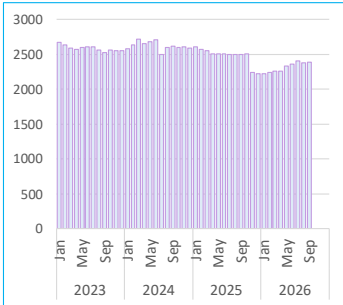


chart also includes president (1 pilot)

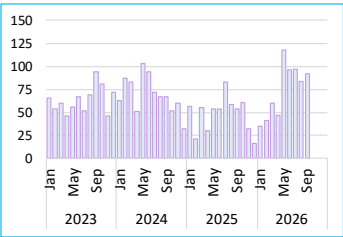
Total Comp Days
All Licensed Pilots

2393



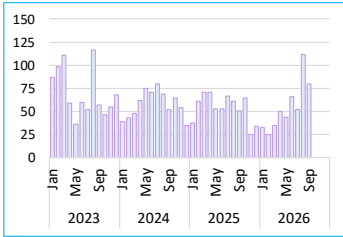
Comp Days Earned
(Callbacks)

92

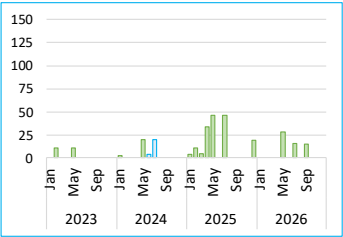


Comp Days Used
(Licensed Pilots)

80

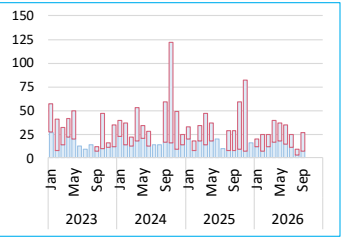


COVID Days* 0
NFFD Days* 15



count of NFFD & Covid days if
pilot(s) not NFFD whole month

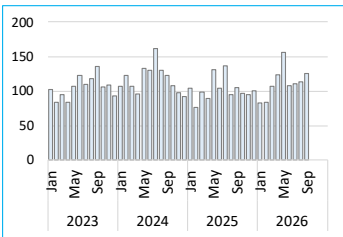
Training Days 20
Upgrade Trips 7



training days (red) stacked
on upgrade trips (blue)

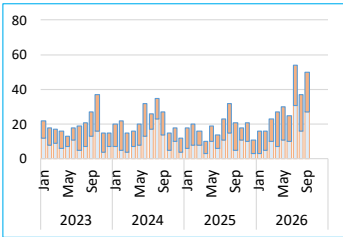
Repositions

126



PILOT Delays (Count)
combined total

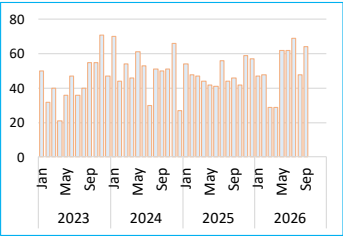
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efficiency delay counts stacked on
pilot shortage delay counts

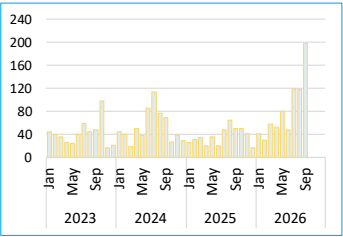
Billable Delays (Count)
by CUSTOMERS

64



PILOT Delay Hours
(Pilot Shortage & Efficiency)

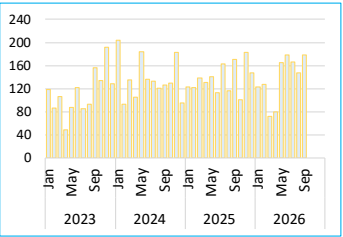
198.35 hrs



total pilot delay hours (not separated into
efficiency & pilot shortage components)

Billable Delay Hours
by CUSTOMERS

179 hrs





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Meeting Minutes – Pilot Safety Committee (PSC)

July 14, 2026 1:30 p.m.

Attendees: Andrew Drennen (BPC), Severin Knutsen (BPC), Kevin Riddle (PSP), Ryan Leo (PGH), Scott Anacker (PSP), Ivan Carlson (PSP), Scott Brewen (PSP), Eleanor Kirtley (BPC), Jason Hamilton (BPC); Sheri Tonn (BPC), Bettina Maki (BPC)

Regrets: Jaimie Bever (BPC), Mike Moore (PMSA)

1. New co-chair and additional changes to committee composition

At the previous meeting in April the committee discussed having Kevin Riddle join as the new co-chair due to John Scragg retiring. In the intervening months there has been a change in plan, and Severin Knutsen will serve as the new co-chair. Kevin Riddle will instead serve as the alternate for the PSP President, replacing Scott Anacker.

2. Review of Minutes of previous meeting on April 7, 2026.

The minutes were approved with no corrections needed.

3. Rest Rule Exceptions

During 2026 Q2 in Grays Harbor there were no rest exceptions.

During 2026 Q2 in Puget Sound there was one (1) exception to the 10 hour rest rule and there was one (1) exception to the 13 hour rest rule.

4. Noncompliant Pilot Transfer Arrangements (PTAs)

Pilots' reports of noncompliant transfer arrangements from the 2nd quarter of 2026 were reviewed, a total of 18 reports. There was a brief discussion of when letters are sent by PSP to address PTA safety concerns.

5. More changes to committee roster

Co-Chair Andrew Drennen joined the meeting late and shared that he will be leaving the Board (and therefore also the committee) due to his changing job role that is expected to keep him much busier than he is already. The committee members thanked Andrew for his work on the Board and the PSC, and congratulated him on his new work assignment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.



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PROPOSED BOARD MEETINGS

2027 MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursdays 1100 – 3rd Thursday Except Dec

January	21
February	18
March	18
April	15
May	20
June	17
July	15
August	19
September	16
October	21
November	18
December	09