



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Board of Pilotage Commissioners

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 363-116-076 Examination for pilot applicants, WAC 363-116-077 Simulator Evaluation for pilot applicants; WAC 363-116-083 Written examination protest and appeal procedures; WAC 363-116-084 Simulator evaluation review and appeal procedures

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 88.16 RCW, Pilotage Act

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In preparation for the 2026 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam, the BPC will be reviewing and updating these WACs as needed for continued psychometric validation, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and clarity for applicants, as well as other housekeeping items.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Discussions regarding proposed amendments to these rules will occur at regular monthly meetings of the Board, open to the public, as well as at BPC's Pilot Exam Committee. Upon review and recommendation from the Pilot Exam Committee and the BPC's exam consultant, the BPC's Assistant Attorney General will review the proposed language. A public hearing will be scheduled as per formal notice requirements. Stakeholder comments are welcome throughout the process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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