



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

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NOTICE TO VESSELS AND AGENTS
ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION
REGARDING PORT ANGELES

(addendum to Notice Regarding RCW 88.16.180 dated 4/25/2025)

MISSION

The guiding mission of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) is to ensure against the loss of lives, loss of or damage to property and vessels, and to protect the marine environment by maintaining efficient and competent compulsory pilotage service on our state's inland waters.

REGULATION

The BPC's authority to regulate compulsory state pilotage in Puget Sound is limited to the boundaries of the Puget Sound Pilotage District as defined in [RCW 88.16.050](#) *Pilotage districts and waters affected*.

Outbound tankers from Port Angeles harbor or anchorage bound for Port Angeles designated Pilot Station, onwards to the designated Pilot Station (Brotchie) in Victoria, B.C., and entering the B.C. compulsory pilotage district, are considered to be leaving the Puget Sound Pilotage District when they cross the westerly boundary of the Puget Sound Pilotage District. Therefore, those outbound tankers are not required to take a Washington state licensed pilot on the transit up to Victoria Pilot Station.

Agents ordering a pilot must choose the pilotage job between Port Angeles harbor, berth or anchorage to the Port Angeles designated pilot station or vice-versa only.

UPCOMING WORK

The BPC will appoint a committee to review, consider, and recommend updated statutory language between July 2025 and July 2026 in preparation for the 2027 Legislative Session regarding the practices outlined above.

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If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact our Executive Director Jaimie Bever at Jaimie.Bever@wsdot.wa.gov or 206.515.3887.