

WSR 24-21-165  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
BOARD OF  
PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 363-116-082 Limitations on new pilots.

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: The board of pilotage commissioners (board) will be considering revisions to the pilot license upgrade programs and license limitations in the Grays Harbor Pilotage Districts to better align with changes in vessel traffic and port expansion projects. The board seeks to ensure that upgrading pilots are gaining necessary experience with larger vessels as they progress through their first five years of piloting.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Discussion regarding proposed revisions will occur at monthly trainee evaluation committee and board meetings. Upon committee review and consensus, and consultation with the board's assistant attorney general, a recommendation will be presented to the board. Comments from tribes and stakeholders, as well as the public, are encouraged throughout the process. Upon review and consideration of recommended revisions, a public hearing will be scheduled pursuant to formal notice requirements.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jaimie C. Bever, Executive Director, 2901 3rd Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98121, phone 206-515-3887, email Jaimie.Bever@wsdot.wa.gov, website www.pilotage.wa.gov.

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