

WAC 363-116-065 Number of pilots. (1) The board will, from time to time, set the number of pilots to be licensed in each pilotage district of the state that is best calculated to optimize the operation of a safe, fully regulated, efficient, and competent pilotage service. This determination will be made by the board at meetings for which the agenda lists this issue as a topic for resolution. In addition, the board shall plan ahead to ensure, to the extent possible, that pilot trainees enter the training program set forth in WAC 363-116-078 so that they complete the training program in a timely manner.

(2) In setting the number of pilots and making decisions as to when to hold an examination and admit applicants to the training program, the board may consider factors which include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Policy of the state to ensure safety of persons, vessels, property and the environment by providing competent, efficient and regulated pilotage for vessels;

(b) The importance of the maritime industry to the state balanced by the potential hazards presented by the navigation of vessels requiring pilots;

(c) The lead time necessary to select and train new pilots;

(d) Regional maritime economic outlook, including without limitation: Current economic trends in the industry, fluctuations in the number of calls, the types of assignments, the size of vessels, the cyclical nature of the traffic and whether traffic is increasing or decreasing and the need to minimize shipping delays;

(e) Workload, assignment preparation and rest needs of pilots;

(f) Trends in size of piloted vessels;

(g) Time lost to injury and illness;

(h) Anticipated retirements;

(i) Administrative responsibilities, continuing education and training requirements consistent with the policy of chapter 88.16 RCW; and

(j) Surface transportation and travel time consumed in pilots getting to and from assignments.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 88.16 RCW and 2005 c 26. WSR 05-18-021, § 363-116-065, filed 8/29/05, effective 10/1/05.]