

State of Alaska Board of Marine Pilots



**May 4, 2022
Public Meeting Packet**

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Board of Marine Pilots

NAME	APPOINTED	REAPPOINTED	EXPIRES
Cronk, Les (Leslie) (Ketchikan) Agent	03/01/2018		03/01/2026
Harris, Richard (Juneau) Public	12/18/2017	03/01/2020	03/01/2024
Hasenbank, Lucas (Anchorage) Agent/Manager	03/01/2020		03/01/2024
Sinclair, Edward (Juneau) Pilot	03/01/2019		03/01/2023
Thayer, Curtis (Anchorage) Commissioner/DCCED/Designee — Chair	02/22/2010	04/11/2019	
Tougas, Joseph (Seward) Public	03/01/2022		03/01/2026
Vacant () Pilot			03/01/2025

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**State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing
Board of Marine Pilots**

333 Willoughby Ave., Juneau

Zoom Meeting Call-In # 669-900-6833
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Meeting ID: 880 1182 0031
Meeting Passcode: 176305

TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA
May 4, 2022

1. **10:00 am Roll Call/Call to order**
2. **10:05 am Review Agenda**
3. **10:10 am Review Public Comment; Regulation Amendments**
4. **10:20 am Regulations amendments**
5. **10:30 am Regional alternative standards**
 - a. **AMP**
 - b. **SEAPA**
 - c. **SWAPA**
6. **10:45 am Candidate Interview - Executive Session**
7. **Board action - Deputy Pilot Candidate**
8. **Adjourn**

Maiquis, Jun C (CED)

From: Hoffard, Renee (CED)
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 7:08 AM
To: Regulations and Public Comment (CED sponsored)
Subject: FW: [alaska-board-of-marine-pilots] Public Notice - Regulation amendment for public comment

Respectfully,

Fannie Renee Hoffard

Marine Pilot Coordinator - Marine Pilot Board
Executive Administrator -
Big Game Commercial Services Board

From: Frank Didier <frankdidier@seapa.com>
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 6:55 AM
To: Hoffard, Renee (CED) <renee.hoffard@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: [alaska-board-of-marine-pilots] Public Notice - Regulation amendment for public comment

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Dear Renee,

As a pilot in Southeast Alaska, I am in support of the regulation change. It provides the Board of Marine Pilots the ability to craft renewal requirements, given the circumstances at the time, thereby insuring pilots are available to service commerce in their regions.

Sincerely,
Captain Frank Didier
License 163

From: Hoffard, Renee (CED) <renee.hoffard@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 9:11 AM
To: alaska-board-of-marine-pilots <alaska-board-of-marine-pilots@list.state.ak.us>
Subject: [alaska-board-of-marine-pilots] Public Notice - Regulation amendment for public comment

Good morning,

Please see the attached public notice for the regulations project the Board started at the March 8 meeting regarding renewal requirements. Please note that the draft language approved at the meeting the citation was updated from AS 08.62120(a)(4)(B) to 12 AAC 56.082(c). This change was made at the request of the Department of Law upon review of the draft language; citing to the regulation is more direct than citing the statute.

There is a typo in the public notice that I will have addressed – the correct citation is 12 AAC 56.080(c).

12 AAC 56.080

(c) To meet the requirements of AS 08.62.120(a)(4), an applicant for license renewal shall

(1) document the piloting experience required in AS 08.62.120(a)(4)(A); or

(2) document having completed within one year immediately preceding the date of application for renewal the familiarization trips required in 12 AAC 56.082 in the region for which renewal is sought.

The comment period for this project ends 4/25/2022. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Fannie Renee Hoffard

Marine Pilot Coordinator - Marine Pilot Board

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Big Game Commercial Services Board

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Chapter 56. Board of Marine Pilots.

12 AAC 56.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 AAC 56.080. Biennial license renewal.

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(i) During a public health emergency, natural disaster, or other regional or statewide crisis prohibiting licensees in one or more regions from completing the requirements of 12 AAC 56.082(c), the board may adopt alternative standards for compliance with this section. (Eff. 6/11/71, Register 38; am 6/19/74, Register 50; am 6/12/78, Register 66; am 7/24/83, Register 87; am 8/29/87, Register 103; am 5/14/93, Register 126; am 11/7/93, Register 128; am 4/7/95, Register 134; am 3/21/99, Register 149; am 5/31/2000, Register 154; am 2/12/2005, Register 173; am 7/15/2006, Register 179; am 9/12/2006, Register 179; am 5/26/2007, Register 182; am 1/29/2009, Register 189; am 6/11/2010, Register 194; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.62.040 AS 08.62.100 AS 08.62.120

AMP – Proposed standards for 2022 Renewals

1. Provide proof of 60 days piloting a vessel subject to AS 08.62 and/or 60 familiarization trips on vessels subject to AS 08.62 in any port of Western Alaska Region.

(l) During a public health emergency, natural disaster, or other regional or statewide crisis prohibiting licensees in one or more regions from completing the requirements of 12 AAC 56.082 (c), the board may adopt alternative standards for compliance with this section.

(1) To fulfill the Alternative standards for renewal in Southeastern Alaska Region, Deputy and Marine pilots shall submit proof satisfactory to the board that the person has;

(A) engaged in piloting vessels subject to this chapter in the marine pilotage region for which the license is to be renewed during at least 60 days in the licensing period for which renewal is sought; or

(B) completed the minimum number of Alternative familiarization trips in 12 AAC 56.082(f), required by the board for renewal of a marine pilot license for a marine pilotage region for which the license is to be renewed.

(2) Use of Alternative Familiarization trips under this rule shall not disqualify Deputy Marine Pilots from licensure as Marine Pilots as per the requirements of 12 AAC 56.029(2)

12 AAC 56.082. FAMILIARIZATION TRIPS.

(a) To fulfill the familiarization trip requirements of 12 AAC 56.080(c)(2) in the Southeastern Alaska Region, a pilot shall perform

(1) on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or tug and tows exceeding 1,000 combined gross tons that are not subject to

AS 08.62, at least four round trips between Ketchikan and Skagway, including two trips through Peril Straits and four trips through Wrangell Narrows; and

(2) on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or more, one round trip or two one-way trips

(A) through Snow Pass;

(B) through Decision Pass;

(C) through North Inian Pass;

(D) in Sitka Eastern Channel;

(E) in Gastineau Channel;

(F) over Tracy Arm Bar or into Endicott Arm; and

(G) into Glacier Bay;

(H) repealed 1/29/2009.

(f) To fulfill the Alternate familiarization trip requirements of 12 AAC 56.080(i) in the Southeastern Alaska Region, a pilot shall perform

(1) on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or tug and tows exceeding 1,000 combined gross tons that are not subject to AS 08.62, at least two round trips between Ketchikan and Skagway. Not to include transits of Peril Straits or Wrangell Narrows due to limited vessel traffic; and

(2) on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or more, one round trip or two one-way trips

(A) through Snow Pass;

(B) through Decision Pass;

(C) through North Inian Pass;

(D) into Sitka

(E) in Gastineau Channel;

(F) over Tracy Arm Bar or into Endicott Arm; and

(G) into Glacier Bay

SWAPA – Proposed standards for 2022 Renewals

We believe these amended standards for 12 AAC 56.082 should meet the needs of the pilots in region 2 for the upcoming renewal assuming the 2022 cruise season does take place as currently projected. If we should hear of any changes to planned itineraries, we will reassess at that time and would hope to know of any major amendments, prior to the board meeting in May as noted below. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Wording to be added is in **bold, blue, underlined font** and wording to be removed is in ~~red font which is struck-through~~:

12 AAC 56.082. FAMILIARIZATION TRIPS.

(b) To fulfill the familiarization trip requirements of 12 AAC 56.080(c)(2) in the Southcentral Alaska Region, a pilot shall

(1) provide proof of a combination of ~~60~~ **30** days

(A) working as a master or pilot on an enrolled vessel or as a pilot on a vessel subject to AS 08.62; and

(B) as an observer on an enrolled vessel or vessel subject to AS 08.62;

(2) successfully perform five dockings and five undockings **including at least one docking and one undocking in each of the three areas; Cook Inlet, Kodiak Island Group and Prince William Sound** ~~at Nikiski or Anchorage; one docking and undocking must be performed under ice conditions~~; and

(3) for a pilot with a VLCC endorsement, successfully perform five dockings and five undockings **on tankers at the Valdez oil terminal, with at least two dockings and two undockings being** on VLCC vessels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

I, _____, move that the Alaska State Board of Marine Pilots enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing _____

Board staff member(s) _____ to remain during the session.

Off record: _____
On record: _____

Authority: AS 44.62.310(c), Government meetings public

The following subjects may be considered in executive session:

- matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity;
- **subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion;**
- **matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential;**
- matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.