

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 29, 2026

These draft minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Marine Pilots was held on April 29, 2026, at the Sitka Fine Arts Camp, Sitka, AK

Date:	April 29, 2026
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Sitka Fine Arts Camp, Sitka, AK
Board Members Present:	Chair Curtis Thayer, Captain Edward (Ed) Sinclair, Captain James Cunningham, Angel Holbrook, Andrew Mew, Don Habeger
Board Members Absent:	Colin Maynard (excused)
Division/SOA Staff Present:	Renee Carabajal (Marine Pilot Coordinator), Lacey Derr (Program Coordinator II), Stephanie Davis (Regulations Specialist), Patrick Kase (Investigator 3)
Present from the Public:	Jenni Sitton (SWAPA), Jessie Li (SEAPA), David Arzt (AMP), Jon Cornelius (SEAPA), E. De Vries (ASA/PCL), Mike Tibbles (ASA), Paul Axelson (NPMI), Kris Mackie (SEAPA), Ashley Wieber (NPMI), Eric Chamberlin (ASA/PCL), Michael Shep (SEAPA), Ryan Seaver (SEAPA), Thomas Larson (SEAPA), Nicholas Sabbath (SEAPA), Bella Roberts (YSA), Jeff Baker, Bretwood Higman, Lloyd Zamora, Travis Holt

Review Agenda		
Brief Discussion:	There was no discussion to amend the agenda.	
Motion:	Move to adjourn (First: Mew; Second: Cunningham).	
Discussion:	No discussion, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes (roll call):	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair - Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Ethics Disclosures		
Brief Discussion:	There were no ethical disclosures by any board members or staff.	

Public Comment		
Brief Discussion:	Captain David Arzt from AMP spoke to clarify that his comments regarding the passing of Captain Brady at the January meeting for corrections to the meeting minutes. Captain Brady was a Florida-based pilot, providing pilot services in Florida at the time of his passing. Captain Arzt spoke of him at the January meeting to remind the board and members of the public of the dangers of the profession.	
Review/Approve Minutes: January 21, 2026		
Brief Discussion:	D. Habeger requested that the meeting minutes be amended to reflect the comments from Captain Arzt.	
Motion:	Move to accept January 21, 2026, meeting minutes as amended. (First: Sinclair; Second: Mew).	
Discussion:	With nothing to discuss, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes:	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Association Reports		
AMP	Captain David Artz of Alaska Marine Pilots provided the AMP report for Western Alaska. AMP has 9 full pilots and 9 deputy pilots. They have 1 pilot in training with SWAPA, to be transferred to Region 2. Currently, 5 individuals are in the training program, 3 of whom are in the hands-on portion.	
SEAPA	Captain Kris Mackie, SEAPA President, provided a report for SEAPA. SEAPA has 48 fully licensed pilots, 14 deputy pilots with 4 additional candidates before the board at this meeting, and 15 trainees. They have had 2 full Marine Pilots retire so far this year. They will not have pilots to meet all of the yacht dispatch this season and will prioritize critical transfers and initial entries. All requests will be reviewed on an individual basis, and SEAPA will notify the MPC and the Board when they cannot provide pilotage for a specific yacht.	
SWAPA	Jenni Sitton, Business Manager for SWAPA, provided the association report. SWAPA has 14 full-member pilots qualified for Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) with 4 deputy pilots. They have 2 pilots in the process of transferring from AMP, Region 3. They have 7 in the training program; 3 are in hands-on training. She spoke to the board regarding an email she sent requesting the board to consider allowing Deputy Pilot candidates to take the LKE and oral exam outside of regularly scheduled board meetings during this time of Federal shutdown. The shutdown has resulted in candidates completing their training being held in limbo, as there is no one at the federal level to approve their completed pilotage.	
Board Action		
Brief Discussion:	The board held a brief discussion regarding SWAPA’s request to allow candidates to take the Local Knowledge Exam and Oral Interview outside of regularly scheduled meetings for a period while Federal government shutdowns are directly impacting pilotage approvals and issuance. They discussed the administrative burden with R. Carabajal and L. Derr. The exams may be proctored via ProV, or the association, and the division will contact all board	

	members for availability for the oral interview. Per board regulations, the quorum for oral exams is 2 board members. The board members at the oral exam will not take action on approving the candidates for licensure; that vote will occur online via OnBoard.	
Motion:	Move to allow for alternate testing procedures for Deputy Marine Pilot candidates for all associations through the October 2026 board meeting. (First: Sinclair; Second: Cunningham).	
Discussion:	With nothing to discuss, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes:	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Presentation – Landslide activity in Southeast Alaska – Impacts to waterway safety		
	B. Higman provided a presentation to the board and public about landslide activity in Southeast Alaska and the impacts on waterway safety. A copy of the presentation may be requested from the Marine Pilot Coordinator and will be appended to the final meeting minutes following their approval at the July 2026 board meeting.	
Regulations Projects		
	Marine Pilot Coordinator R. Carabjal reviewed the proposed regulatory amendments that the board approved under Administrative Order 360 for regulatory reduction and provided draft language for the board's consideration.	
Motion:	<p>Move to initiate a regulations project regarding amendments to the Board of Marine Pilots regulations, 12 AAC 56, by approving the language as discussed and appended to the meeting minutes for public comment, unless substantive changes are made by the regulation’s specialist or the Department of Law. The following sections will be included in this project. I do not request an oral hearing or an extended public comment period.</p> <p>12 AAC 56.011 – Types of Licenses and Endorsements 12 AAC 56.012 – Documentation of Service 12 AAC 56.025 – Applications 12 AAC 56.026 – Deputy Pilot Training Program 12 AAC 56.027 – Supervised Movements 12 AAC 56.028 – Regional Requirements; specifically Western Alaska, Region 3 12 AAC 56.070 – Examinations 12 AAC 56.080 – Biennial License Renewal 12 AAC 56.082 – Familiarization Trips – Specifically Western Alaska, Region 3 12 AAC 56.083 – Continuing Education 12 AAC 56.100 – Compulsory Pilotage Waters 12 AAC 56.500 – Very Large Crude Carrier endorsements 12 AAC 56.930 – Quorum 12 AAC 56.960 – Duties of Pilots 12 AAC 56.970 – Physical Incapacitation 12 AAC 56.990 - Definitions (First: Sinclair; Second: Cunningham).</p>	
Discussion:	The board briefly discussed requesting oral testimony or an extended comment period and chose to decline. Historically, they have done neither and felt none of the proposed amendments would be more than a clean-up and removal of duplicative language. With nothing further to discuss, the board approved the motion.	

Recorded Votes:	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Investigative Report		
	Investigator 3 Patrick Kase provided the investigative report for the time period of January 9, 2026 – April 17, 2026, to the board. He opened no new cases during this time period. One case was closed in the complaint stage with no actions and no violation.	
Yacht Navigation Packet Update		
	MPC Carabajal reviewed the publication dates for the documents in the Yacht Navigation Packet. Captain Sinclair pointed out that the Southeast Alaska Voluntary Waterway Guide has a new version with a 2026 revision date. MPC Carabajal will replace the current guide on the program webpage.	
Motion:	Move to approve the 2026 Yacht Navigation packet. (First: Cunningham Second: Mew).	
Discussion:	With nothing to discuss, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes:	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Annual Report		
Brief Discussion:	MPC Carabajal reviewed the draft annual report for the Board’s activities for fiscal year 2026. This is a statutorily required report for all boards that must be completed and published by the end of the fiscal year.	
Motion:	Move to accept the draft FY2026 annual report as presented, allowing the division to update final statistics immediately prior to submission. (First: Sinclair; Second: Mew).	
Discussion:	With nothing to discuss, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes:	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes

Application Review – Executive Session		
Motion: Off Record: 10:55 am Return to Record: 11:32 am	I, Andrew Mew, 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 subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Board staff, Renee Carabajal and Lacey Derr, to remain. (First: Mew; Second: Cunningham).	
Discussion:	With nothing to discuss, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes:	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Motion:	<p>Move to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot application for Ryan Seaver; Badge # 264 for Region 1 on vessels not to exceed 50,000 Gross Tons.</p> <p>Move to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot application for Nicholas Sabbath; Badge # 265 for Region 1 on vessels not to exceed 50,000 Gross Tons with the exceptions of Sumner Strait East, Wrangell Narrows, Keku Strait / Port of Kake, Sitka Sound North / Olga Strait, Neva Strait, Peril Strait, Mid Chatham Strait, South Chatham Strait, Auke Bay, Nichols Passage, West coast POW, Lisianski Inlet, Monti Bay. The exceptions are being requested due to the federal shutdown limiting pilotage approvals at the federal level.</p> <p>Move to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot application for Michael Shep; Badge # 266 for Region 1 on vessels not to exceed 50,000 Gross Tons.</p> <p>Move to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot application for Thomas Larson, Badge # 267, for Region 1 on vessels not to exceed 50,000 Gross Tons with the exceptions of Sumner Strait East, Wrangell Narrows, Frederick Sound, Keku Strait / Port of Kake, Olga Strait / Sitka Sound North, Neva Strait, Peril Strait / Serguis Narrows, Lower Chatham Strait, Nichols Passage, West Coast POW, Monti Bay. The exceptions are being requested due to the federal shutdown limiting pilotage approvals at the federal level.(First: Sinclair; Second: Mew).</p>	
Discussion:	With nothing to discuss, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes:	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Chair Thayer announced that immediately following the board meeting, board members and staff would be taking a tour of the Eurodam. No board business will be discussed on the tour and no board actions will be taken.		
Adjourn:		
Brief Discussion: Off Record at 11:40 am	Having completed all scheduled business on the agenda, the board adjourned.	
Motion:	Move to adjourn (First: Cunningham; Second: Sinclair).	

Discussion:	With nothing to discuss, the board approved the motion.	
Recorded Votes (roll call):	Holbrook - Yes	Mew - Yes
	Cunningham - Yes	Maynard - Excused
	Sinclair – Yes	Habeger - Yes
		Thayer - Yes
Date Final Minutes Approved by the Board: _____ Meeting _____ OnBoard		

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(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added, words CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 56.011. TYPES OF LICENSES AND ENDORSEMENTS.

[(C) ON 9/19/2020, A DEPUTY MARINE PILOT WHO HOLDS A LESS THAN 65,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HOLD A NOT MORE THAN 95,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT AND A DEPUTY MARINE PILOT WHO HOLDS A LESS THAN 90,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HOLD A NOT MORE THAN 110,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A NEW LICENSE TO A DEPUTY MARINE PILOT THAT HAS A CHANGE IN ENDORSEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION REFLECTING THE NEW ENDORSEMENT.

(D) ON 9/19/2020, EXPERIENCE TOWARD AN INCREASED TONNAGE ENDORSEMENT OBTAINED BY A DEPUTY MARINE PILOT WHILE HOLDING A LESS THAN 65,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT WILL BE COUNTED AS EXPERIENCE OBTAINED WHILE HOLDING A NOT MORE THAN 95,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT, AND EXPERIENCE TOWARD AN INCREASED TONNAGE ENDORSEMENT OBTAINED BY A DEPUTY MARINE PILOT WHILE HOLDING A LESS THAN 90,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT WILL BE COUNTED AS EXPERIENCE OBTAINED WHILE HOLDING A NOT MORE THAN 110,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT.

(E) ON APRIL 14, 2018, A DEPUTY MARINE PILOT WHO HOLDS A LESS THAN 50,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HOLD A NOT MORE THAN 50,000 GROSS TONS ENDORSEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A NEW LICENSE TO A DEPUTY MARINE PILOT THAT HAS A CHANGE IN ENDORSEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION REFLECTING THE NEW ENDORSEMENT.]

12 AAC 56.012. DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE.

[(C) FOR THE PURPOSES OF AS 08.62.093 AND THIS SECTION,

- (1) "DAY" MEANS THE SAME AS "DAY" IN 46 C.F.R. 10.107;
- (2) "SERVICE" MEANS THE TIME SPENT ON DUTY ON A VESSEL THAT IS UNDERWAY;
- (3) "UNDERWAY" MEANS THAT A VESSEL IS NOT AT ANCHOR OR MADE FAST TO THE SHORE OR AGROUND;
- (4) "YEAR" MEANS THE SAME AS "YEAR" IN 46 C.F.R. 10.107.]

12 AAC 56.025. APPLICATIONS. (a) To be eligible to take the regional local knowledge examination required by 12 AC 56.026(k), an applicant shall apply on a form provided by the department and pay the examination fees required in 12 AAC 02.240 at least 60 days before the date of the examination. Not less than 30 days before the date of the examination, the applicant shall submit

(1) repealed 9/6/2024;

[(2) EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT IS AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF AGE;]

(3) all existing evaluations of the applicant's training in an approved training program with a recognized pilot organization; at least 10 days before the date of the licensing examination the applicant shall submit all remaining evaluations necessary to demonstrate successful completion of all applicable regional training requirements listed in 12 AAC 56.028, and a letter from a recognized pilot organization stating the applicant has completed the organization's approved training program;

(4) a full-sized [CERTIFIED] copy of both sides of the applicant's valid United States Coast Guard license, with radar endorsement and an endorsement of first class pilotage without tonnage restrictions as required in 12 AAC 56.028 for the pilotage region in which the training occurred;

(5) repealed 8/9/97;

[(6) THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THREE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD LICENSED MASTER MARINERS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR A RECOMMENDATION ATTESTING TO THE APPLICANT'S PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;]

(7) documentation of the applicant's education, employment record, and other special qualifications, including, if possible, copies of discharges, certificates, and letters;

(8) on a form provided by the department, a [NOTARIZED] statement by the applicant whether

(A) within the five years before the application, the applicant has

(i) been convicted of a felony;

(ii) been convicted of any repeat minor offenses involving excessive use of alcohol;

(iii) had a conviction involving the possession, use, or sale of drugs; or

(iv) had a marine or motor vehicle driver's license revoked, suspended, or limited in any jurisdiction; and

(B) the applicant is currently

(i) under investigation or subject to a disciplinary proceeding by the United States Coast Guard; or

(ii) under treatment for drug or alcohol abuse;

(9) a certificate that shows a negative result on a test for illegal drug use from a testing facility that complies with the requirements adopted in 12 AAC 56.940(b) conducted not more than 90 days before the date of the examination; the testing facility will mail the drug test results directly to the marine pilot coordinator; and

(10) evidence of a satisfactory physical examination on the United States Coast Guard physical form [A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT] not more than 90 days before the date of the examination; the physical exam must demonstrate that the applicant is physically fit to perform the duties of a pilot, including an examination of eyesight, hearing, blood pressure, physical agility, and cognitive capabilities.

(b) Repealed 7/26/90.

(c) To be eligible to take the deputy marine pilot core examination required in 12 AAC 56.026(a)(3), an applicant shall apply on a form provided by the department and submit,

(1) at least 30 days before the date of the examination,

(A) the applicable application and examination fees required in 12 AAC 02.240;

(B) evidence of experience as required in

(i) AS 08.62.093(b)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5); or

(ii) AS 08.62.093(b)(6) by enrollment in a board approved deputy marine pilot apprenticeship

program under 12 AAC 56.033;

(C) evidence that the applicant meets the requirement of AS 08.62.093(a)(1);

(2) before the examination, a full-sized [CERTIFIED] copy of both sides of the applicant's United States Coast Guard license, demonstrating compliance with 12 AAC 56.026(a)(2).

(d) Repealed 1/29/2009.

(e) Repealed 1/1/99.

(f) An applicant for an increased tonnage endorsement under 12 AAC 56.018 or 12 AAC 56.019 shall apply on a form provided by the department and submit the applicable application fee required in 12 AAC 02.240.

(g) An apprentice applying for a deputy marine pilot license under 12 AAC 56.033(b) must meet the requirements in (a) and (c) of this section.

(h) An applicant applying for a marine pilot license under 12 AAC 56.029 shall apply on a form provided by the department and submit,

- (1) the applicable application fee required in 12 AAC 02.240;
- (2) evidence that the applicant meets the requirements of 12 AAC 56.029(1), (5) and (6);
 - (i) An application that satisfactorily documents that applicable requirements for the examination, license, or endorsement are met is considered complete. The marine pilot coordinator shall review all submitted applications and approve those applications that comply with all applicable requirements. [IF AN APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE BY 30 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF EXAMINATION, THE APPLICANT MAY NOT BE APPROVED TO SIT FOR THAT EXAMINATION.]
 - (j) To be eligible to take the regional local knowledge examination required by 12 AAC 56.034(a)(5) or to activate a previously held marine pilot regional endorsement, an applicant shall apply on a form provided by the department and pay the examination fees required in 12 AAC 02.240 at least 60 days before the date of the examination. Not less than 30 days before the date of the examination, the applicant shall submit
 - (1) repealed 9/6/2024;
 - (2) a full-sized [CERTIFIED] copy of both sides of the applicant's valid United States Coast Guard license, with radar endorsement and an endorsement of first class pilotage without tonnage restrictions as required in 12 AAC 56.034(a)(1) for the pilotage region in which the training occurred;
 - (3) all existing evaluations of the applicant's training in an approved training program under 12 AAC 56.035(a)(3) with a recognized pilot organization; at least 10 days before the date of the regional local knowledge examination the applicant shall submit all remaining evaluations necessary to demonstrate successful completion of all applicable regional training requirements required in 12 AAC 56.035(a)(3);
 - (4) a letter as required by 12 AAC 56.034(b) stating that the applicant has completed the organization's approved training program as required in 12 AAC 56.035(a)(3).

12 AAC 56.026. DEPUTY MARINE PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM.

(g) Semi-annually [EACH QUARTER], a trainee shall submit to the marine pilot coordinator a copy of each evaluation form received. The trainee [AND TRAINING PILOT] shall keep a copy of each evaluation in a training log.

[(I) THE BOARD OR THE MARINE PILOT COORDINATOR WILL APPROVE A CANDIDATE TO TAKE THE DEPUTY MARINE PILOT CORE EXAMINATION REQUIRED IN (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF (A)(1) AND (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION AND THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS OF 12 AAC 56.025(C). THE BOARD OR THE MARINE PILOT COORDINATOR WILL APPROVE A TRAINEE TO TAKE THE DEPUTY MARINE PILOT REGIONAL LOCAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION REQUIRED IN (K) OF THIS

SECTION IF THE BOARD OR THE MARINE PILOT COORDINATOR DETERMINES THAT THE TRAINEE HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER AND HAS COMPLIED WITH THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS OF 12 AAC 56.025(A).]

[(K) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE APPLICABLE TRAINING PROGRAM, A TRAINEE MUST PASS THE REGIONAL LOCAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION AND THE ORAL EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 56.070(D) AND (F).]

12 AAC 56.027. SUPERVISED MOVEMENTS.

[(B) A LICENSEE HOLDING A LIMITED PILOT LICENSE MAY NOT SUPERVISE THE MOVEMENTS REQUIRED BY 12 AAC 56.028.]

12 AAC 56.028 (c) REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPUTY MARINE PILOTS LICENSE

(1) completion of 90 supervised movements in active ports throughout the region, including

(A) Dutch Harbor/Captains Bay - **30 dockings and 30 undockings**

[25 DOCKINGS AND 25 UNDOCKINGS] as follows:

(i) 10 of the dockings and 10 of the undockings must be performed within the period beginning October 1 and ending April 1;

(ii) 10 of the dockings and 10 of the undockings must be performed at night;

(iii) no more than 40 percent of the dockings and 40 percent of the undockings may be made under the supervision of the same training pilot;

(iv) a minimum of **15 of the dockings and 15 of the undockings**

[10 DOCKINGS 10 UNDOCKINGS] in Dutch Harbor;

(B) in addition to the dockings and undockings required under (A) of this

paragraph, **5 dockings and 5 undockings** [10 DOCKINGS AND 10

UNDOCKINGS] performed at any combination of outports within the region in

(1) accordance with the regional training program approved by the board;

12 AAC 56.070. EXAMINATIONS.

(e) The deputy marine pilot core examination required in 12 AAC 56.026(a)(3) consists of a written examination that covers the topics listed in (b)(1) - (5) of this section. The core examination may be administered and scored by the marine pilot coordinator. If the marine pilot coordinator administers the core examination, it will be given on a date and time to be determined by the marine pilot coordinator, after consultation with the applicant. If an applicant fails the deputy marine pilot core examination, the applicant may not retake the core examination for at least 30 [60] days.

12 AAC 56.080. BIENNIAL LICENSE RENEWAL.

(b) To renew a marine pilot license, a marine pilot shall submit

(1) a completed renewal application on a form provided by the department; the application must demonstrate that the applicant meets the requirements of AS 08.62.120, including compliance with (c) of this section;

(2) on the United States Coast Guard physical form [A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT], verification of a physical examination of the marine pilot conducted by a licensed physician within 60 days before the date of license renewal, including an examination of the marine pilot's eyesight, hearing, blood pressure, physical agility, and cognitive capabilities, confirming that the marine pilot is physically fit to perform the duties of a marine pilot;

[(I) THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION FROM AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL TOWARDS FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET OUT IN (C) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA REGION – NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2022, A PILOT SHALL PERFORM

(A) 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

(B) ON VESSELS OF 1,000 GROSS TONS OR MORE, ONE ROUND TRIP OR TWO ONE-WAY TRIPS

(I) THROUGH SNOW PASS;

(II) THROUGH DECISION PASS;

(III) THROUGH NORTH INIAN PASS;

(IV) INTO SITKA;

(V) IN GASTINEAU CHANNEL;

(VI) OVER TRACY ARM BAR OR INTO ENDICOTT ARM; AND

(VII) INTO GLACIER BAY;

(2) SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA REGION – NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2022, A PILOT SHALL PROVIDE PROOF OF A COMBINATION OF 30 DAYS

(A) WORKING AS A MASTER 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 THAT

(I) SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMS FIVE DOCKINGS AND FIVE UNDOCKINGS INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE DOCKING AND UNDOCKING IN EACH OF THE THREE AREAS: COOK INLET, KODIAK ISLAND GROUP, AND PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND; OR

(II) FOR A PILOT WITH A VLCC ENDORSEMENT, SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMS FIVE DOCKINGS AND UNDOCKINGS ON TANKERS AT THE VALDEZ OIL TERMINAL, WITH AT LEAST TWO DOCKINGS AND UNDOCKINGS BEING ON VLCC VESSELS;

(3) WESTERN ALASKA REGION – NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2022, A PILOT SHALL PROVIDE PROOF OF 60 DAYS PILOTING A VESSEL SUBJECT TO AS 08.62 OR 60 FAMILIARIZATION TRIPS ON VESSELS SUBJECT TO AS 08.62 IN ANY PORT OF WESTERN ALASKA REGION.]

12 AAC 56.082. FAMILIARIZATION TRIPS

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

[(1) PROVIDE PROOF OF A COMBINATION OF 60 DAYS PILOTING A VESSEL SUBJECT TO AS 08.62 AND FAMILIARIZATION TRIPS; THE COMBINATION MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST 20 DOCKINGS IN FIVE DIFFERENT PORTS; NO MORE THAN ONE HALF OF THE FAMILIARIZATION TRIPS OR DOCKINGS MAY OCCUR IN ANY ONE PORT; AND THE REMAINDER MUST OCCUR IN FOUR ADDITIONAL PORTS; DUTCH HARBOR AND CAPTAIN'S BAY ARE CONSIDERED AS ONE PORT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH; OR]

(1) provide proof of at least 60 familiarization trips **within the region** a vessel subject to AS 08.62, a tug and tow of 1,000 gross tons combined, or an enrolled vessel of 1,000 gross tons or more, except fishing vessels as defined in 12 AAC 56.990, [AS FOLLOWS:

(A) 20 TRIPS IN DUTCH HARBOR;

(B) THREE TRIPS THROUGH ILIULIUK CHANNEL;

(C) FIVE TRIPS TO CAPTAIN'S BAY;

(D) 12 TRIPS IN ANY COMBINATION TO AKUTAN, KING COVE, SAND POINT, OR CHIGNIK;

(E) ONE TRIP TO COLD BAY;

(F) THREE TRIPS TO NAKNEK;

(G) TWO TRIPS TO TOGIAK;

(H) TWO TRIPS TO PORT MOELLER;

(I) TWELVE ADDITIONAL TRIPS TO ANY COMBINATION OF PORTS IN (D)-(H) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.]

12 AAC 56.083. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) Repealed 5/31/2000.

(b) A marine pilot with a VLCC endorsement applying for license renewal [FOR A LICENSE PERIOD THAT BEGINS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2001,] shall document that the marine pilot has satisfactorily completed a manned model course during one of the three biennial license periods immediately preceding the license period for which renewal is sought.

(c) Repealed 5/26/2007.

(d) Repealed 7/15/2006.

(e) A marine pilot or deputy marine pilot applying for license renewal [FOR A LICENSE PERIOD THAT BEGINS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008,] shall document that the pilot has satisfactorily completed a board approved simulator or manned model course at a board

approved facility within one of the three biennial license periods immediately preceding the license period for which renewal is sought.

(f) A marine pilot or deputy marine pilot applying for license renewal [FOR A LICENSING PERIOD THAT BEGINS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008,] shall document that the pilot has satisfactorily completed continuing education as required in a board approved regional training program.

12 AAC 56.100. ESTABLISHED BOUNDARIES OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE WATERS OF ALASKA. Specific boundaries of the compulsory pilotage waters of Alaska are as follows:

[(15) ALL WATERS SURROUNDING THE PRIBILOF ISLANDS OF ST. PAUL AND ST. GEORGE FROM THE SHORELINE SEAWARD TO THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL SEAS;

(16) ALL WATERS SURROUNDING THE BERING SEA ISLANDS FROM SHOREWARD TO THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL SEAS, INCLUDING ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND, NUNIVAK ISLAND, ST. MATTHEW ISLAND, AND LITTLE DIOMEDE ISLAND;

(17) ALL WATERS ENCOMPASSING THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS FROM THE SHORELINE TO THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL SEAS, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL ISLANDS AROUND THE FOX ISLANDS, RAT ISLANDS, NEAR ISLANDS, ANDREANOF ISLANDS, AND THE ISLANDS OF FOUR MOUNTAINS;

(18) ALL WATERS ENCOMPASSING THE SOUTH COAST OF THE ALASKA PENINSULA FROM CAPE KANATAK (PORTAGE BAY) TO CAPE PANKOF TO THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL SEAS, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL ISLANDS AROUND THE SHUMAGIN ISLANDS, SEMEDI ISLANDS, PAVLOF ISLANDS, SUTWIK ISLAND, SANAK ISLAND, AND THE SANDMAN REEFS;

(19) ALL WATERS OF THE NORTH COAST OF THE ALASKA PENINSULA FROM CAPE KRENZIN TO THE SOUTHERN EXTREMITY OF EGEK BAY TO THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL SEAS, INCLUDING AMAK ISLAND AND SEA LION ROCKS.]

12 AAC 56.500. VLCC ENDORSEMENT REQUIRED

(a) Due to the great mass, windage, and ship-handling peculiarities of very large crude carrier (VLCC) class vessels only pilots holding a VLCC endorsement may [PILOT] dock/undock those vessels in waters covered by this chapter.

12 AAC 56.930. QUORUM.

[(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOARD MEETINGS, HEARINGS, AND CONDUCTING ALL OTHER BOARD BUSINESS, EXCEPT EXAMINATIONS, A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD CONSTITUTES A QUORUM.]

12 AAC 56.960. DUTIES OF PILOTS.

(k) A pilot organization shall report on a semi-annual [QUARTERLY] basis all pilotage performed by each pilot on vessels that were subject to AS 08.62. The report shall be submitted to the marine pilot coordinator [ELECTRONIC MAIL OR ON A 3.5" COMPUTER FLOPPY DISKETTE]. The report must include the following elements and be formatted in the same order:

- (1) pilot name;
- (2) date of departure;
- (3) time of departure;
- (4) date of arrival;
- (5) time of arrival;
- (6) place departed;
- (7) place arrived;
- (8) vessel name;
- (9) vessel gross tons;
- (10) vessel IMO number;
- (11) vessel type;
- (12) waters transited;
- (13) trainee name;
- (14) training evolution; and
- [(15) PILOT ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION].

Editor's note: For the purposes of 12 AAC 56.960, the marine pilot coordinator can be contacted at BoardofMarinePilots@Alaska.Gov [COORDINATOR'S MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE MARINE PILOT COORDINATOR, DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, P.O. BOX 110806, JUNEAU, AK 99811-0806: PHONE (907) 465-2548. THE MARINE PILOT COORDINATOR'S ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING].

12 AAC 56.970. PHYSICAL INCAPACITATION. A pilot who is physically incapacitated as a pilot for a period of 90 days or more shall not return to active pilot service until submitting evidence to the board of a satisfactory physical examination by submission of United States Coast Guard physical form.

12 AAC 56.990 DEFINITIONS

[EDITOR'S NOTE: INFORMATION ON STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION OF CLASS A SIMULATOR SYSTEMS DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 56.990(37) MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING DET NORSKE VERITAS AS, MARINE TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION CENTER, COMPETENCE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT, VERITASVEIEN 1, 1322 HOVIK, NORWAY; TELEPHONE: + 47 67 57 99 00; FAX: + 47 67 57 99 11; WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.DNV.COM.](http://www.dnv.com)]