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**MINUTES OF MEETING
March 12, 2020**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled teleconference of the Board of Marine Pilots was held March 12, 2020.

Call to Order/Roll Call March 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis Thayer, at 9:03 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board were:

Curtis Thayer
Luke Hasenbank
Les Cronk
Captain Ed Sinclair
Captain Ron Ward

Absent:

Rick Harris - Excused
Peggy McLaughlin - Unexcused

Present from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:

Renee Hoffard, Marine Pilot Coordinator
Jun Maiquis, Division Regulations Specialist

Visitors present included:

Mike Tibbles, Alaska Steamship Association (ASA)
Jenni Zielinski, Southwest Alaska Pilots Association (SWAPA)
Tom Rueter, Alaska Maritime

Agenda Item 1 – Review Agenda

Chair Thayer asked the board if there were any revisions to the agenda or if there were any recusals or declarations on the agenda. None were noted.

Agenda Item 2 – Draft Regulation Amendments – Approve for public comment

Chair Thayer briefly explained the purpose of the teleconference; the board will be reviewing and approving draft regulation amendments proposed at the January board meeting for public comment.

The board reviewed the draft regulations as presented by the division and briefly discussed the suggestions made by the Department of Law (DOL). It was determined to not address the DOL suggestions at this time as they pertain to removal of dated regulations that have since been repealed. The board felt that it would be a better use of time and resources to save those changes for a later date during a regulations clean-up project.

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Ron Ward, seconded by Captain Sinclair, and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the draft regulation amendments as presented to be sent out for public comment.

Regulations Specialist Jun Maiquis asked for clarification on when the board anticipated adopting the regulations and it was determined that the board would like this project to move through the process as quickly as possible. The public comment period will be for 30 days and include oral comments at the upcoming April 9, 2020 scheduled board meeting.

The board asked the MPC to coordinate with the pilot associations, vessel agents and Cruise Lines of Alaska to provide updates on how the industry is preparing for COVID-19.

MPC Hoffard notified the board that the division is in the final process of creating on-line applications for the Foreign Pleasure Craft Exemption applications and anticipates those being available in the next week or so. She will notify the board once those are available for the public.

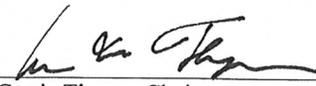
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Renee Hoffard
Marine Pilot Coordinator

Approved:



Curtis Thayer, Chair
Alaska Board of Marine Pilots

Date: 4/9/20