WSR 23-15-058 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS [Filed July 14, 2023, 10:26 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 363-116-076 Examination for pilot applicants and 363-116-077 Simulator evaluation for pilot applicants.

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: In preparation for the 2024 Washington state marine pilot exam, the board will be reviewing and updating these two WAC as needed for continued psychometric validation, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and clarity for applicants, as well as other housekeeping items.

Process for Developing New Rule: Discussions regarding proposed amendments to these rules will occur at regular session board meetings as well as the pilot exam committee. Upon committee review, and recommendations from the board's exam consultants, the board's assistant attorney general will review the proposed language. Stakeholder comments are welcome. 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, phone 206-515-3887, fax 206-515-3906, email BeverJ@wsdot.wa.gov, website www.pilotage.wa.gov.

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