

GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Record

September 13, 2022

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Monroe, Michigan 48162

On the call of the Sponsor, a meeting of the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee was held on September 13, 2022, at the Marriott Hotel Conference Room in Monroe, Michigan.

This record is a summary of the meeting and transcript taken during the session and summarizes the committee's deliberations, conclusions, and actions. Documents are available for public inspection and printing online at www.regulations.gov or <https://dco.uscg.afpims.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Marine-Transportation-Systems-CG-5PW/Office-of-Waterways-and-Ocean-Policy/Office-of-Waterways-and-Ocean-Policy-Great-Lakes-Pilotage-Div/>

The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee held a meeting on September 13, 2022 at Marriott Hotel in Monroe, Michigan at the request of the Sponsor. The Coast Guard convened this meeting to consult with the advisory committee on the following topics:

1. Role of the Pilot
2. Rulemaking Process and Ex-Parte Communications
3. Necessary and Reasonable Expenses for Ratemaking
4. Pilot Staffing / Importance of System Reliability / Cruise Ships
5. Winter Navigation / Fees for Weather Disruption
6. United States Registered Pilot Credential
7. Soo Lock Operations
8. Great Lakes Pilotage Initiatives and Projects
9. Pilotage Assessment
10. Public Comments

The Committee forwarded three (3) recommendations for Coast Guard consideration.

1. Include wages for temporary registered pilots in the expense base when the temporary registered pilots prevents vessel delays.
 2. Encourage the Director to use discretion with the staffing model.
 3. Use a card printer to issue a more professional U.S. Registered Great Lakes Pilot credential.
- 20 public members attended – including representatives from APA, ILA, GLPA and ShipFed and MIRAD from Canada and GLSLDC.

GLPAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Capt. Dan Gallagher, President of the Lakes Pilots Association – Chairman
Capt. John Boyce, President of the St. Lawrence Seaway Pilots Association – Vice Chairman
Capt. Jon Olney, President of the Western Great Lakes Pilots Association
Mr. John Crowley, Executive Director of the U.S. Great Lakes Shipping Association
Ms. Susan Bray, Director of Logistics, ArcelorMittal International
Mr. Paul LaMarre, Director of the Port of Monroe
Mr. John Baker, Jr., President of the International Longshoremen Association

Mr. Kevin Kiefer, USCG Director of Waterways Division and Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
Mr. Todd Haviland, USCG Director of Great Lakes Pilotage
Mr. Vincent Berg, USCG Operations for Great Lakes Pilotage
Mr. Francis Levesque, USCG Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO)

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

The Designated Federal Officer, Mr. Kevin Kiefer, opened the meeting at 8:10 A.M. with welcoming remarks and offered introductions to the Committee and public attendees. Captain Gallagher, chairman, offered opening remarks, reviewed the administrative details and offered a welcome, beginning on page 11 of the transcript.

Topic: Role of the Pilot:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 18 and 35 of the transcript. The Committee received information from the Executive Director, General Counsel, and American Pilots Association (APA) on the roles and responsibilities a Pilot performs to ensure the safe and efficient movement of cargo.

Committee recommendation: None

Topic: Rulemaking Process and Ex-Parte Communications:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 35 and 93 of the transcript. The Committee received an overview from USCG Project Counsel regarding the rulemaking process, statutory requirements, and ex parte communications.

Committee recommendation: None.

Topic: Necessary and Reasonable Expenses for Ratemaking:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 93 and 112 of the transcript. The committee received an overview from the Senior Manager from CohnReznick.

Committee recommendation: None

Topic: Pilot Staffing / Importance of System Reliability / Cruise Ships

This discussion begins and ends on pages 112 and 205 of the transcript. Director of Great Lakes Pilotage, provided an overview of the challenges encountered throughout the Great Lakes.

Committee recommendation 1: Passed 6 to 1. Include wages for temporary registered pilots in the expense base when the temporary registered pilots prevents vessel delays.

Committee recommendation 2: Passed unanimously. Encourage the Director to use discretion with the staffing model.

Topic: Winter Navigation & Fees for Weather Disruption:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 206 and 217 of the transcript. Director, Shipping Federation of Canada provided information to the committee.

Committee recommendation: None

Topic: United States Registered Pilot Credential:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 217 and 228 of the transcript. USCG provided information on the ongoing efforts to modernize credentialing tools for U.S. Registered Pilots.

Committee recommendation: Passed unanimously. Use a card printer to issue a more professional U.S. Registered Great Lakes Pilot credential.

Topic: Soo Lock Operations:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 228 and 250 of the transcript. Director of the Port of Monroe provided information on Soo Lock operations and tug availability and services.

Committee recommendation: None

Topic: Great Lakes Pilotage Initiatives and Projects and Pilotage Assessment:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 250 and 269 of the transcript. Presidents of District 1, 2 and 3 presented initiatives for their respective Pilotage Associations and the Executive Director of the U.S. Great Lakes Shipping Association provided information regarding Pilotage Assessment.

Committee recommendation: None

Topic: Public Comments:

This discussion begins and ends on pages 269 and 271 of the transcript. The Public was asked to provide any comments to the Committee; none were received.

Committee recommendation: Passed unanimously. Approve the minutes from the 2021 GLPAC meeting.

Meeting Closing:

Closing remarks begins and ends on pages 271 and 272 of the transcript. Motioned and seconded. Meeting adjourned 1:55 P.M.