

**Recommendations from the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee meeting
12 September 2019**

Committee recommendation #1:

“The Committee recommended that the Coast Guard move from Klein to the SeaPro dispatch and billing system.” Boyce/Olney/Unanimous

Committee Recommendation #2:

“The Committee recommended that the Coast Guard re-evaluate the staffing model taking into account new traffic levels, trade diversification, especially cruise ships and association management demands.” Boyce/Fisher/Unanimous

Committee recommendation #3:

“Recommendation that in April of each year, in advance of each Great Lakes Pilotage rate setting process, the USCG should convene and facilitate a meeting of pilotage rate stakeholders, with the purpose of reaching agreement on components and inputs of the rate setting mechanism and as appropriate, submit joint comments to the rate setting docket.” Fisher/Boyce/Unanimous

Committee recommendation #4:

Whereas the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee is charged with providing advice and recommendations of the U.S. Coast Guard, on matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage;

Whereas the Great Lakes Pilotage Act of 1960 (“the Pilotage Act”) is the foundational statutes for Great Lakes pilotage;

Whereas the Pilotage Act requires a pilot to be on the bridge to direct the navigation of a vessel in the most navigationally challenging waters of the Great Lakes as designated by the President of the United States as set out at 46 U.S.C. 9302;

Whereas the specific designations of those waters under Section 9302 have not been updated since the 1960s;

Whereas marine safety and environmental protection is a paramount concern of the Coast Guard, pilots, and all industry stakeholders;

Whereas certain parts of the Great Lakes, including but not limited to the Straits of Mackinac, have received heightened attention for the environmental sensitivity, increase volumes of marine traffic, and other factors;

Whereas while the ultimate designation must be made by the President of the United States, any process of identifying such waters will begin with the Coast Guard; and

Therefore Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee recommends that the U.S. Coast Guard commence an immediate review of the waters of the Great Lakes for the purpose of updating the list of designated waters on the Great Lakes, including but not limited to the Straits of Mackinac.

Recommendation to the Coast Guard to review the designation of the Great Lakes including but not limited to the Straits of Mackinac.
Olney/Fisher/Unanimous.