



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION**



**Minutes of February 14, 2008 Connecticut Pilot Commission**  
**Public Meeting**  
**U.S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound**  
**120 Woodward Avenue, New Haven CT**

The public meeting was called to Order at 8:02 a.m. Pilot Commission members Michael Eisele, Captain Rick Barry, Captain Charles Beck, Captain Vince Cashin, William Gash and Dave Pohorylo were present.

The minutes of the New York Board of Commissioners of Pilots for the month of January were distributed.

On the motion of Captain Cashin, seconded by Captain Barry, the minutes of the Commission's January 10, 2008 public meeting were approved as drafted by a unanimous vote.

Captain Beck reported that the Legislative Review Committee acted favorably on the rate increase recommended by the Commission on January 9, 2007 and adopted by the New York legislature on July 18, 2007 and CDOT on September 18, 2007. The rate increase (modified to conform to the cap of 500 pilotage units imposed by the New York legislature) was effective on February 1, 2008. Pursuant to the amended regulations, there will be further rate increases on July 20, 2008 and July 20, 2009.

The Commission discussed the Joint Administrator's published tariff as of 2/1/08, which includes fees for shifts less than 25 miles within Long Island Sound and fees for shifts from lightering zones which are not specifically authorized in the Connecticut regulations. CDOT will address this issue with the Joint Administrator.

Captain Beck advised the Commission that CDOT received no comments with respect to the proposed extension of the temporary fuel surcharge to July 31, 2008, as recommended by the Pilot Commission. CDOT and the New York Board have adopted the proposed extension of the temporary fuel surcharge. The Commission will continue efforts to develop a fuel cost index for incorporation into the rate structure.

The Commission discussed the status of the Commission's recommendation that a heavy weather pilot station be established in Block Island Sound. This issue will be continued on the agenda.

Captain Beck reported that two Connecticut-licensed pilots have consensually resolved alleged boarding and disembarkation violations. CDOT is continuing settlement discussions with another four pilots. Two additional pilots have indicated a desire to have all charges resolved through the administrative hearing process.

The Commission continued its discussion of the draft criteria for apprentice pilot selection and training developed by Captain Cashin and Captain Barry. This issue will be carried to the March agenda.

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The Commission discussed the status of approvals for the Broadwater LNG project and related issues, including liaison with the New York Board and facility operators.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the U.S. Coast Guard Report on the grounding of the M/V Montrose in Chesapeake Bay on 2/28/07.

The Commission discussed its 2008 objectives and priorities. The following priorities were identified: (1) providing a mechanism to fund a training program; (2) developing a pilot selection, apprenticeship, and training program; (3) developing and instituting a fuel surcharge index; and (4) establishing a heavy weather pilot station as previously recommended.

Mr. Rossiter commented on the Commission's statutory authority to conduct investigations of marine casualties and the lack of resources to carry out this responsibility.

Captain Beck advised the Commission that CDOT continues to address dredging needs on the west side of State Pier. A surveys has been completed, goal depths have been established, collection of sediment samples is underway, and the CDOT has undertaken the permitting process.

LCDR Kevin Oditt, U.S.C.G. discussed under keel clearance issues, weather restrictions, criteria for compulsory tug assists, and the Joint Administrator's maintenance of information regarding depths alongside at various facilities.

The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

The public meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT.

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Chairman, Connecticut Pilot Commission