

**Connecticut Pilot Commission  
Summary Report May 20, 2014 Public Meeting  
New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy  
230 Ella Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT**

- 1.) The public meeting was called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bill Gash. Pilot Commission members/designees Chuck Beck, Wynne Bohannon, Mike Eisele, Ralph Gogliettino and Dave Pohorylo were also present. Also attending were Paul Costabile, Joseph P. Maco, Dave Rossiter and Tim Sullivan.
- 2.) A motion was made to approve the summary report of the April 15, 2014 meeting by Mike Eisele and seconded by Dave Pohorylo. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 3.) Public Comments – None offered
- 4.) U.S. Coast Guard Comments – No CG members present, no comments offered.
- 5.) Rotation System Administrative Report – Paul Costabile stated that the JRA had not had an official meeting so there was nothing to report.
- 6.) Rotation System Executive Report – No members of the RSEB present, no report.
- 7.) Connecticut Department of Transportation – Dave Rossiter stated that the New Haven dredging project had been completed. The Army Corps of Engineers had a preliminary after action report being reviewed. Once finalized the report would be made available to the public. Dave mentioned that there was a revised CG Form 2692 Reportable Casualty posted.
- 8.) Executive Session – None requested.
- 9.) Continuing Business:
  - A. Investigative Process for Incidents/Accidents – In the absence of Commissioner Alan Blume the topic was deferred to the June meeting.
  - B. P.O.R.T.S. – Check Beck reported that the PORTS bond request has still not made it to a Bond Commission agenda. It is hoped that it will be on the next (May) Bond Commission agenda that should be published by OPM next week.
  - C. Pilot Licensing Requirements – At the April meeting, the Chairman challenged the pilot to draft some proposals and recommendations to change the current licensing requirements to the CPC for consideration and possible forwarding to the CTDOT. There were no pilots present that had been working on the task thus no report.
  - D. Pilot Training and Safety Equipment Fee – No discussion on topic.
  - E. Gross Earnings Tax – The Chairman stated that he was setting up meeting with OPM and Transportation Committee staff concerning changes to the 6% gross earnings tax on pilotage earned by CT Licensed marine pilots established by regulation. He felt that there appeared to be more flexibility than during previous attempt to divert the funds collected. The Chairman provided a summary of the issue for the benefit of Tim Sullivan. He also mentioned a conversation with Chuck Beck concerning DOT support for making a change to the regulation. Beck reminded all that DOT was the primary sponsor of diverting the 6% from the General Fund to a specific pilot training and safety equipment fund several years ago in conjunction with a pilotage rate increase. Joe Maco reminded all that the pilots also pay a licensing fee every year. In response to a question from Tim Sullivan, it was stated that when there was significantly more vessel traffic, the 6% gross earning tax generated approximately

\$100K for the State's General Fund. The 6% gross earnings tax netted approximately \$50K in 2013. The item will be carried on the agenda.

10.) New Business

A. CT Port Authority Legislation – Update. The Chairman stated that recently passed legislation creating a CT Port Authority awaited signature by the Governor. He mentioned a Section of the legislation that creates a Port Authority Working Group (PAWG) to assist DECD in implementing the CPA legislation. The CPC is identified as a member of the PAWG. Beyond that the Chair felt it best to hold any further discussion until the June CPC meeting so that all could digest and better understand the details of the legislation.

B. Quarantine Issues – The Chairman asked Chuck Beck to summarize the issue. Beck stated that the issue had been raised by Ted Sanford based on an updated on Quarantine policy by the CG. The concern expressed by Ted was the timeliness, or lack thereof, of notification by the CG concerning an arriving vessel being quarantined due to an infectious disease. Joe Maco provided two examples of a pilot being stuck aboard a quarantined vessel unnecessarily due to delays in notification by the CG. The Chairman stated that the issue would be carried over to the June CPC meeting agenda for further discussion.

Joe Maco requested to address the chart insert being considered by NOAA for the Riverhead Platform area. The CT Marine Pilots had requested an insert be considered that would provide more detail/better scale for the area of approach to the Riverhead Platform. NOAA created a draft insert and requested comments. Joe Maco stated that the proposed location of the insert on the chart covered a 54 foot spot thus, masking the spot. Joe was advised to send his comments to the NOAA POC that had been provided in NOAA's direct solicitation for comments.

11. Adjourn - A motion was made by Commissioner Bohannon to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gogliettino and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 17, 2014 at the New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy located at 230 Ella Grasso Blvd. in New Haven, CT.**