



RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws, **Chapters 46-9 and 46-9.1**, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 42-35, The Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission (the “Commission”) hereby gives notice of its intention to hold a public hearing in compliance with R. I. Gen. Laws § 46-9-6(8) and afford the public an opportunity to offer oral and written testimony on matters pertaining to the administration of **R. I. Gen. Laws Chapters 46-9 and 46-9.1**, entitled “Pilots, Narragansett Bay and Tributaries” and “Pilots, Block Island Sound,” respectively, including but not limited to the determination as to the number and qualifications of pilots that may be deemed necessary to satisfy the needs of the state as well as the review of any proposals that may be presented requesting a modification of the rates charged for piloting of vessels within the Commission’s jurisdiction.

Testimony will be taken on any subject matter pursuant to the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws § 49-9-6(8), “. . . that the commission shall conduct as least one public hearing annually, duly advertised, to hear and receive complaints and comments from individuals pilots, associations, or other public or private agencies with regard to any matters that may come within the jurisdiction of the commission.”

A copy of the current regulations is available electronically through either the DEM website or the Secretary of State’s Website at the following web address: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-80-00-9>.

Written testimony will be accepted no later than 4:00pm on October 6, 2022 at the offices of the Administrative Adjudication Division, Department of Environmental Management, located at 235 Promenade Street, Rm 350 Providence, RI 02908. Written testimony may also be submitted via email to mary.dalton@dem.ri.gov with a copy sent to christina.hoefsmit@dem.ri.gov.

The public hearing will be held at **9:30 am on Thursday, October 6, 2022**. A digital recording of the hearing will be made, a copy of which shall be provided upon written request. Attendance is available either in-person or via Zoom.

For in person attendance:

Meeting location:

Room 425 Conference Room A, located on the 4th Floor at 235 Promenade Street, Providence RI.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call (401) 222-5300 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Jason McNamee, Chair
J. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair
Vince Kirby, Member
Lt. Michael Schipritt, Member

For virtual attendance:

Meeting location:

<https://zoom.us/j/96283707679?pwd=S1F2RDM3azl6eVBWTDFoQkRtakNIZz09>

Meeting ID: 962 8370 7679

Passcode: 166673

In the event you experience technical difficulties, please contact Mary Dalton at mary.dalton@dem.ri.gov.

Jason McNamee, Chair
Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission