

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**  
**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 Law 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 §§ 46-9 et seq. and 46-9.1 et seq.** 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 the 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 at least one public hearing annually, duly advertised, to hear and receive complaints and comments from individual 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 proposed regulations will be available for examination from April 12, 2019 through May 13, 2019 by mail or at the RIDEM's Permit Application Center, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908. Electronic copies of the proposed regulations will also be available on the DEM website at the following web addresses: <http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/> and <http://www.dem.ri.gov/documents/regulations/> under proposed.

Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:00 pm on May 13, 2019 at the offices of the Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management, located at 235 Promenade street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908. Written comments may also be submitted via e-mail to [joanne.scorpio@dem.ri.gov](mailto:joanne.scorpio@dem.ri.gov) with a copy sent to [christina.hoefsmit@dem.ri.gov](mailto:christina.hoefsmit@dem.ri.gov). The public hearing will be held at the Foundry Building, Division of Law Enforcement Conference Room, located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908 at 9:30 am on May 2, 2019. A tape recording of the hearing will be made, a copy of which shall be provided upon written request.

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.

E. Howard McVay, Jr., Chair  
Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission