

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of **Chapters 46-9 and 46-9.1** of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission hereby gives notice of its intention to hold a public hearing in compliance with Section 46-9-6(8) of the General Laws of Rhode Island to afford the public any opportunity to offer oral and written testimony on matters pertaining to the administration of **Chapters 46-9 and 46-9.1** of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended 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 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 Section 46-9-6(8) of the General Laws of Rhode Island "... 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."

Written comments will be accepted at the offices of the Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 on or before April 5, 2011. The public hearing will be held at the Foundry Building, Division of Law Enforcement Conference Room, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 commencing at **10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2011**. A tape recording of the hearing will be made, a copy of which shall be provided upon written request.

The meeting site is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission by telephone at (401) 222-3070 or TDD (401)831-5508, or in writing at the Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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