

From: [Port Agent](#)
To: [BOPC Board of Pilot Commissioners](#); [Mike Jacob](#)
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Mike and Allen,

Attached please find our letter to industry concerning the 10 hour “hard stop.” It was emailed to both of you and All Agents on April 14th. You’ll probably recall that the PA (Capt. Long) had been informally advising stakeholders about the change for several months prior to the implementation. The delay that I referred to in my PA report at the December BOPC meeting occurred on 12/3/20. It was MV G. POSIDEN, arriving from SEA to ANCHORAGE 9. The arrival was delayed 4 hours in order to provide a rested pilot to the vessel. This delay was coordinated in advance and in agreement with the vessel agent prior to vessel’s scheduled arrival. It had no impact on the vessel’s port schedule. This delay was entirely unrelated to SFBP’s on-going concern regarding maintaining service levels due to COVID related revenue decline.

A vessel delay for any reason is something that SFBP takes very seriously and, as stated in the letter, it is rare that a delay would occur as a result of this fatigue mitigation policy.

Regards,

John

Capt. John Carlier
Port Agent



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To our valued customers:

The San Francisco Bar Pilots are implementing a 10-hour minimum rest period between piloting assignments. This change will bring our operation into alignment with widely anticipated regulatory revisions and scientifically recognized standards in fatigue risk management.

Our historical analysis indicates that delays due to pilot availability occur infrequently and are of short duration. We will continue to make every effort to maintain our exemplary record of on demand service for our customers. On rare occasion, during periods of peak demand a rested pilot may not be available at the requested time and the vessels schedule could be affected. When it is anticipated that a vessel will be delayed due to a rested pilot not being available, we will provide advance notice through Dispatch or the Operations Pilot.

Please contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Captain Joseph Long

Port Agent