



## **Departure of CEO Julie Gascon from the Pacific Pilotage Authority**

Julie Gascon joined the Pacific Pilotage Authority (PPA) as Chief Executive Officer in October 2022, leveraging her extensive experience in the maritime sector and leadership within the federal public service. During her time with the PPA, Julie has laid the groundwork for a helicopter program that will improve efficiency for pilot transfers for future tankers calling at Trans Mountain's expanded Westridge Terminal and she provided efficient pilot transportation in support of an unprecedented number of cruise ships visiting West Coast ports this past season. She led the implementation of the new Pilot Dispatch and Accounting Management System for the Authority as well as the renewal of the strategic plan that will guide the Authority for the next five years.

Building upon the legacy established by her predecessor, Captain Kevin Obermeyer, Julie has fostered strong relationships and sustained a commitment to service excellence. As she prepares to pass the torch, Julie is dedicated to facilitating a seamless transition for her successor in February, with the full support of the Board of Directors. Her leadership will leave an indelible mark, positioning the PPA for continued success and growth.

Additional details can be found [here](#).

*Lorraine Cunningham, Chair, PPA Board of Directors*

“On behalf of the PPA Board of Directors, I would like to thank Julie for her outstanding leadership of the Pacific Pilotage Authority and for her dedication to the maritime sector and the people in it. Under Julie's watch, we have witnessed significant enhancements to the efficiency in pilot transfers during an exceptionally busy cruise season, and we are well positioned to provide pilot service to Trans Mountain tankers via a helicopter program in the future. Julie's legacy includes a comprehensive strategic plan that steers the Authority through the growing complexity of our operating environment over the next five years. As Julie embarks on her new journey, we express our heartfelt best wishes for continued success.”

*Julie Gascon, CEO*

“I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Pacific Pilotage Authority's exceptional management team, dedicated staff, and esteemed board members for their unwavering support and tireless efforts throughout my tenure. The dynamic West Coast environment, marked by diverse industry, government, and Indigenous interests, has been an invaluable source of learning and growth. The support and respect from PPA Directors and my management team made this decision difficult. I remain committed to fostering integration and collaboration among maritime organisations to support the safe movement of ships, which I will continue to champion in my new role. Thank you for the privilege of being part of this incredible journey.”

### **About the Pacific Pilotage Authority:**

The Pacific Pilotage Authority is a federal Crown corporation whose mandate is to administer this marine pilotage service in the waters of Western Canada. Our area of jurisdiction encompasses the entire British Columbia coast, extending approximately two nautical miles from every major point of land. This jurisdiction includes the Fraser River and stretches from Alaska in the north to Washington State in the south and is one of the largest mandatory pilotage areas in the world. This unique coast wide pilotage model enables the Authority to service all ports on the West Coast, as well as cruise ships, with a small group of marine pilots.