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RULE TITLE: Board Operations Fee

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RULE SUMMARY: Amending the amount of the Board operations fee.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The Board operations fee shall be \$70 effective July 15, 2025. Thereafter, the fee shall be reviewed quarterly and adjusted as needed as provided in subsection (2) of this section, subject to the maximum allowed by ORS 776.810(1). (2) The amount of the Board operations fee shall be reviewed quarterly, at the first Board meeting following each September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30. In reviewing the fee and deciding whether to adjust it, the Board shall consider the total of fees remitted to the Board during the preceding quarter or quarters, the Board's current and projected budgetary needs, the total of fees projected to be remitted to the Board during the following quarter or quarters, and any other factors deemed relevant by the Board. If the Board concludes that an adjustment to the fee is appropriate, it shall request approval for the recommended adjustment subject to ORS 776.800(4).

(3) The maximum allowed amount shall be adjusted each biennium on July 1, beginning July 1, 2015. The change in the maximum allowed amount shall be proportional to the percentage change in the 24-month period prior to the beginning of the biennium in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(4) The maximum Operations Fee is \$140.

(5) The amount of the Board operations fee shall be published in the Oregon Pilotage Tariff for each pilotage ground under the paragraph heading "Board Operations Fee."

(6) Licensees of the Board shall invoice vessels for the Board operations fee when invoicing vessels for other authorized pilotage fees and charges. For vessels entering or leaving the Columbia River, Board licensees for the Columbia River Bar shall invoice and collect fees from inbound vessels, and licensees for the Columbia and Willamette River pilotage ground shall invoice and collect the fee from outbound vessels. For vessels entering or leaving the Yaquina Bay bar or Coos Bay bar pilotage grounds, the Board operations fee shall be invoiced and collected by the licensees for such grounds from both inbound and outbound vessels.

(7) On or before the 10th day of each month, Board licensees shall remit to the Board the full amount of all Board

operations fees collected from vessels during the preceding calendar month. At the time of remitting the collected fees to the Board, the remission shall be accompanied by a report of the number of vessels invoiced for the fee during the preceding month, the total amount of fees invoiced, the number of vessels from which the fee was collected during the preceding month, the total of Board operations fees collected, and the amount that remains invoiced but uncollected.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 776

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 776.800, ORS 776.810