**04 NCAC 15 .0119 NUMBER OF PILOTS**

(a) The commission shall license a number of pilots not to exceed one pilot per 98 piloted vessel arrivals annually or fraction thereof, subject to G.S. 76A-14. Annual piloted vessel arrivals shall be calculated by averaging the number of piloted arrivals during the five immediately-preceding calendar years.

(b) The apprentice system established in Rule .0121 of this Chapter shall be used to fill vacancies in the pilotage service except in emergencies, such as the incapacity of one or more licensed pilots due to accident, sickness, or death. In such emergency, the Commission may issue one or more limited-licenses for such term as is necessary to alleviate the emergency, based upon the number of licensed pilots whose capacity is unimpaired, the number of piloted vessel arrivals and departures, and any recommendation of a majority vote of the association. The association's recommendation shall be based on the qualifications of the candidate seeking a limited license, including the candidate's experience, agility, knowledge of the local waters, U.S. Coast Guard certifications, and other skills required to perform the duties of a limited-licensed pilot.

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