

# PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

**Date Issued:** 18 June 2015 **Notice Number:** 06/2015

**Subject:** Bathymetric Survey Standard accepted by PPA

**Geographic Area:** Marine terminals in BC

**Communication:** Terminals frequently request bathymetric surveys to be conducted of their berths in order to confirm or amend controlling depths alongside. The PPA wants to ensure terminals have the surveys done in accordance with standards that will be accepted by the Pacific Pilotage Authority Canada (PPA), Fraser River Pilots (FRP), BC Coast Pilots (BCCP), Canadian Hydrographic Services (CHS) and the Port Authorities.

### Details:

The PPA determines controlling depths from bathymetry surveys in consultation with the British Columbia Coast Pilots, the Fraser River Pilots and the relevant Port Authority. Once the controlling depths are determined, the document titled *BC Berth Controlling Depths & Operating Parameters* is updated on our website and the respective pilot groups are informed.

The PPA will review survey data and determine the controlling depths for marine terminal berths only if the bathymetry surveys are done in accordance with *CHS - Standards for Hydrographic Surveys*. These standards may be downloaded from the PPA website under the Industry Publications & Notices section where it can be found under the title Marine Terminal Bathymetry & Controlling Depths (relevant sections are highlighted in yellow within the document). Alternatively, the standards may be requested at [info@ppa.gc.ca](mailto:info@ppa.gc.ca). Surveys not done in accordance with these standards will not be considered for updating terminal information.

Terminals submitting bathymetric survey data are kindly requested to include a letter from the entity performing the survey confirming that the survey was done in accordance with the CHS Standards for Hydrographic Surveys.

The PPA would like to encourage terminal operators to consult with CHS prior to performing bathymetric surveys. Sharing of this bathymetric data might result in the production of high definition electronic navigational charts (ENCs) and high resolution docking charts that provide pilots with a high detail of information when the vessel is near the terminal, thereby enhancing safety. The contact details for CHS are:

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If there are any queries, concerns or a wish to meet to further discuss the contents of this notice, please contact the PPA at [marineops@ppa.gc.ca](mailto:marineops@ppa.gc.ca) or by telephone at 604-666-6771.

Kind regards,

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