



## Pacific Maritime Association

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### ***Notice Regarding Passenger Sector Assessments Effective January 1, 2020***

Effective for vessels calling on U.S. West Coast ports in California, Oregon and Washington beginning January 1, 2020, PMA member companies servicing cruise line operations will be assessed \$2.28 *per passenger count*, which will be assessed on each of the following activities: initial embarkation, final disembarkation and in-transit movements of revenue passengers at ports in California, Oregon and Washington ("Passenger Count"). The purpose of this assessment is to address the absence of current tonnage assessments on this sector, and to cover labor used in passenger operations.

Passenger Counts are subject to audit by the PMA. Acceptable documentation for Passenger Counts may include the ship's purser's report provided to the terminal operator or port entity, copies of the wharfage report filed with the local port, or other official documentation which details the number of Passenger Counts in each category. Documentation which identifies specific passengers is not required or encouraged.

The Passenger Counts must be reported by the PMA member company in the PMA Tonnage Reporting System. The Contracting Stevedore, i.e., the primary contractor or entity that has responsibility for providing labor to handle general cargo and passenger related cargo and other activities, is responsible for reporting all Passenger Counts ("Reporting Company"). The Reporting Company is responsible for payment of Passenger Count assessments ("Responsible Party").

All Passenger Counts must be reported and submitted to the PMA, and assessments must be paid, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month for Passenger Counts at ports for all cruise vessel voyages that have sailed out of such ports during the preceding calendar month. For example, a vessel which departs the Port of Long Beach on Saturday January 5, 2020 would have assessments due for any Passenger Counts during that call on Thursday, February 20, 2020. A vessel which arrives in port on Friday January 31, 2020 and departs Saturday February 1, 2020 would have assessments due on Friday March 20, 2020. Payments shall become delinquent and a penalty will be imposed if payment is not received by the close of business on the last day of the month in which due.