

# Washington State Ferries Weekly Update



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## This week:

- Ferries renamed after the Seahawks
- Life Ring Awards
- *Spokane* to the rescue
- Muckleshoot Fish Commission
- Meeting with USCG
- Meeting with WSP

## Ferries renamed after the **Seahawks**

Passengers traveling on the Washington State Ferries Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1, will be boarding the “M/V Russell Wilson” or crossing Puget Sound on the “M/V Marshawn Lynch” as Gov. Jay Inslee has directed the vessels be named in honor of the Seattle Seahawks. Learn which [player](#) your vessel was named after. Go Hawks!



## Life Ring Awards

It was my privilege to present Life Ring Awards to Captain Randy Eckler, Captain Vu Schroeder, Ordinary Seaman Max Korvell, and Able-bodied Seaman Roni Kittelson for the professional and efficient manner in which they responded to an overboard passenger during the *Issaquah*'s landing at Vashon Island on Oct. 31. Their actions reinforce the pride that I have being a part of the WSF team. Congratulations on a job well done!



From left to right Lynne Griffith with Captain Randy Eckler, Captain Vu Schroeder, Ordinary Seaman Max Korvell, Able-bodied Seaman Roni Kittelson.

**Spokane to the rescue**

On Tuesday, Captain Robert Elliott and the crew of the *Spokane* rescued two divers in distress near the Edmonds terminal. The crew was concluding a rescue boat drill when they heard the calls for assistance. Thanks for the quick action that resulted in the safe recovery of both divers!

**Muckleshoot Fish Commission**

We met with the Muckleshoot Fish Commission on Monday to discuss the [Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock project](#). I enjoyed hearing from members of the Commission and I appreciate their partnership on this project. We will have a follow-up meeting in late February.

**Meeting with USCG**

On Thursday, I met with U.S. Coast Guard Executive Area Maritime Security Committee to discuss recent intelligence pertaining to the marine environment. The committee also reviewed the plans for a full scale system-wide exercise, for all of the ports within USCG Sector Puget Sound, scheduled for Feb. 10.

**Meeting with WSP**

I was introduced to Washington State Patrol Captain Jay Cabazuela on Thursday afternoon. Captain Cabazuela is the Division Commander for Homeland Security. We discussed Homeland Security's response as it relates to WSF.

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Hyperlinks within the email:

Washington State Ferries renamed after the Seahawks: [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2015/01/Hawks\\_013015.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2015/01/Hawks_013015.htm)  
Colman Dock Project: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/colmanmultimodalterminal/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/colmanmultimodalterminal/)

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