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**This week:**

- Draft Long-Range Plan Public Hearings
- 2009 Washington State Legislative Session
- Sale of Passenger-Only Ferries
- Meeting with Snohomish County Council Member
- Monthly meeting with U.S. Coast Guard Captain

**Draft Long-Range Public Hearings**

WSDOT Ferries Division (WSF) completed its second week of public hearings on the draft long-range plan with hearings in Southworth, Bainbridge, Kingston, San Juan Islands and Anacortes. Attendance has been exceptional as we continue to gather valuable public comment on the draft plan. The public testimony from the hearings is documented and posted on our Web site. You can find transcripts for the Jan. 5-8 hearings online at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358). WSF will continue to accept public comments through Wednesday, Jan. 21, which is also the date of our final public hearing in Fauntleroy. The long-range plan proposals, along with all of the public testimony received, will be provided to the State Legislature on Jan. 31. I hope that you will take time to review the draft plan and provide your comments if you have not had an opportunity to do so already. Fauntleroy public hearing details:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6-8 p.m. – Fauntleroy**  
Hall at Fauntleroy, 9131 California SW, Seattle

**2009 Washington State Legislative Session**

The 2009 Washington state Legislative session began on Monday, Jan. 12. This is a critical session for transportation as state lawmakers are faced with a significant budget shortfall. WSF staff will be available to legislators throughout the session providing information as requested to help inform their decisions. I will provide status reports on the legislative session in my weekly e-mail updates.

**Sale of Passenger-Only Ferries**

I met with representatives from the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District (GG) to finalize the sale of the passenger vessels M.V. Chinook and M.V. Snohomish. The proceeds from this sale will be used to help fund county-run passenger-only ferry service.

**Meeting with Snohomish County Council Member**

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, I briefed Snohomish County Council Member Dave Somers on the draft long-range plan and how it affects Snohomish County and residents who travel on the Mukilteo/Clinton and Edmonds/Kingston routes.

**Monthly meeting with U.S. Coast Guard Captain**

I continue to meet regularly with U.S. Coast Guard Captain Suzanne Englebert as we work together to maintain safe and secure passage on all WSF routes.

**Next week:**

- Draft Long-Range Plan Public Hearings Wrap Up
- 2009 Washington State Legislative Session Update
- Meeting with local shipyard

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly).

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