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This Week

- Life Ring Award
- U.S. Coast Guard Meeting
- Meeting with San Juan County and Friday Harbor Councilmembers
- Edmonds/Kingston Partnership Meeting
- Vashon Island Chamber of Commerce

Life Ring Award

Captain John Brooke and the South Sound Relief crew received the Washington State Ferries (WSF) "Life Ring Award" for their noteworthy actions taken aboard the Puyallup on the evening of June 26, 2009. Their decisive actions saved the life of a passenger suffering a heart attack. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done!

U.S. Coast Guard Meeting

On Monday, I met with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for our monthly meeting. We talked about current issues, including the reduction of "touring watches," monitoring crew endurance and fatigue levels, and the upcoming training for maritime emergencies. We also discussed increasing communications between the WSF operations center and the USCG Joint Operations Center. These conversations are most helpful to ensuring WSF stays on course with our key regulatory agency.

Meeting with San Juan County and Friday Harbor Councilmembers

On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to meet with San Juan County Councilmember Howie Rosenfeld and Friday Harbor Councilmember Carrie Lacher in Seattle. We discussed several issues affecting the San Juan Islands, including traffic control at Friday Harbor and the Washington State Transportation Commission tariff proposals.

Edmonds/Kingston Partnership Meeting

The second meeting of the Edmonds/Kingston community partnership on Wednesday evening was very beneficial. As part of the legislated pre-design study on vehicle reservations, WSF has formed a community partnership with representatives from the Edmonds/Kingston route. The partnership is meeting monthly during the pre-design study to discuss how a vehicle reservations system could work on the Edmonds/Kingston route. I very much appreciate the dedication and thoughtfulness that the partnership brings to this important task. For more information on the pre-design study, materials from the partnership meetings, and upcoming meetings, visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Planning/VehicleReservations>.

Vashon Island Chamber of Commerce

I met with the Vashon Chamber of Commerce on Thursday morning. I presented current ferry issues, including upcoming schedule changes associated with the U.S. Coast Guard crew endurance requirements, and my priorities for the biennium. I appreciated everyone who turned out for the meeting and enjoyed the comments and questions from the audience.

Next Week:

- Meeting with Federal Transit Administration

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