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This Week

- First new 64-car ferry named Chetzemoka
- Monthly meeting with U.S. Coast Guard
- WSTC Subcommittee Meeting
- WSF Managers Meeting

First new 64-car ferry named Chetzemoka

The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) named the first new 64-car ferry Chetzemoka after the S'Klallam Chief Chetzemoka at their Tuesday meeting. Chief Chetzemoka greeted and befriended the first non-natives to settle in Port Townsend in the 1850s. His great, great grandson, Les Prince, was in attendance at the WSTC meeting in support of the name. The Port Townsend community suggested the name for this ferry which will serve the Port Townsend/Keystone route beginning in 2010.

Monthly meeting with U.S. Coast Guard

On Monday, I attended our monthly meeting with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). The primary discussion topic was the implementation of crew schedule modifications necessitated by the loss of touring watches. The USCG is monitoring the progress and communicated that the new crewing schedules are working well.

WSTC Subcommittee Meeting

I met with the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) Thursday afternoon to discuss the legislative requirement to look at how to implement fuel surcharge strategies, policies and operations. We discussed the possibility of presenting a joint proposal for the 2010 session since both agencies have been tasked with similar provisos by the Legislature.

WSF Managers Meeting

On Friday, I met with WSF managers to recap the last quarter and provide updates on key topics, including the new 64-car ferries, crew endurance, and terminal projects. I reviewed first quarter budgets, progress on legislative proviso reports and discussed 2010 legislative issues.

Next Week:

- Edmonds/Kingston Partnership Meeting
- Meeting with the City of Edmonds

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