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### **Final testing needed on 64-car ferry**

WSF is scheduled to take delivery of the new 64-car Salish ferry on May 12 instead of the contract date of May 5. Todd Pacific Shipyards requested an additional seven days to complete work, which includes a dockside demonstration to the U.S. Coast Guard of certain tests and equipment. Todd will demonstrate these systems to the Coast Guard next week before a certificate of inspection is issued. Todd may be assessed \$5,000 a day in damages for late delivery, per the state's contract with the shipbuilder. The Salish is scheduled to restore two-boat service to the Port Townsend/Coupeville route in July. For more information about the new ferries, visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries).

### **Save the date: June community meetings**

Mark your calendars for upcoming community meetings. I will be joined by key WSF staff in your community on the dates listed below. For more information visit:

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub\\_meetings.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings.htm).

- June 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Vashon Island
- June 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bainbridge Island
- June 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bremerton
- June 8, Noon-1:30 p.m., Joint meeting with Anacortes Rotary, Anacortes
- June 8, 5-7 p.m., Friday Harbor, San Juan Island
- June 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Kingston
- June 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Whidbey Island
- June 20, 10-11 a.m., Briefing to Jefferson County Commissioners, Port Townsend

### **Puyallup sees fuel savings**

Recent fuel consumption data indicates the 202-car Puyallup has significantly reduced its fuel consumption on the Kingston/Edmonds route. The Staff Chief Engineer and Masters of the Puyallup recommended the adoption of selected throttle settings and time-of-day reductions in crossing times in an effort to save fuel. The slowdowns were piloted in early 2011 and initial fuel consumption data indicate an average monthly diesel fuel savings of approximately 7,000 gallons equating to more than a 6 percent reduction in fuel consumption. This savings was accomplished without any adverse impacts to safety or on-time performance. The trial period has been extended as WSF explores other opportunities to save fuel. Congratulations on a job well done to the leadership on the Puyallup for their initiative.

### **Get to know passenger ticket seller Jeani High**

Jeani High is the passenger ticket seller at WSF's Anacortes terminal. She is just about the nicest ticket seller around and about to start her 30th year with the ferry system. Once you meet Jeani, you will know instantly why she is a favorite of both customers and coworkers. WSF Communications Director Marta Coursey caught up with Jeani last week to learn a little more about her life and work, and the blog story is available at <http://wsdotferries.blogspot.com/>

### **Anacortes terminal overhead loading temporary closure**

Starting on Monday, May 9, the overhead loading structure will be closed through Thursday, May 19, for maintenance of mechanical systems. All walk-on passengers will load and off load on the vehicle deck of the ferry. I apologize for the inconvenience, but this work is necessary to preserve the terminal. The overhead loading

structure will reopen Friday, May 20. For more information visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/anacortesoverhead](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/anacortesoverhead)

### **Yakima paint job**

The Yakima is back with a fresh coat of paint. It will undergo sea trials tomorrow before returning to service on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route. For photos of this newly painted vessel, visit [www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157624230469931](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157624230469931).

### **Customer compliment**

I would like to share the following compliment that I received from a customer on the Bainbridge/Seattle route. I would like to thank Captain Trygve Klabo and the crew of the Tacoma for making this journey a pleasant one.

*I'm a regular ferry commuter for over 25 yrs now. I notice[d] today on the early morning crossing [that] the captain of the boat made a very pleasant crossing aboard the Ferry Tacoma... [I] just wanted to put my feedback in ... to let him know commuters are happy getting from point A to B on time on a clean quiet crossing and I enjoy riding the boats... Thanks Ferry Tacoma Captain*

### **Next Week:**

- I am on annual leave next week. My email update will resume on Friday, May 20.

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

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