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New ferry Salish community celebration

The 64-car Salish will be the center of a community celebration Thursday, June 30, at the Port Townsend ferry terminal. WSF and the communities of Port Townsend and Whidbey Island will celebrate the restoration of two-boat service on the Port Townsend/Coupeville route. We hope to have the Salish in service by the Fourth of July weekend, but will confirm the date at the conclusion of sea trials scheduled to wrap up at the end of June. The community celebration is open to the public and will take place in slip No. 2 at the Port Townsend ferry terminal. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. on the vessel's vehicle deck with remarks from dignitaries and a tribal ceremony, followed by a vessel open house from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about Washington's new ferries, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries. See photos of the Salish at www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157623767660087/ or read more at <http://wsdotferries.blogspot.com>

WSDOT honors employees for ferries' flawless service records

WSF is honoring engine room and maintenance employees who helped six of our 21 ferry vessels achieve 100 percent service reliability (meaning no lost trips due to mechanical failure) in 2010: the Elwha, Evergreen State, Klahowya, Puyallup, Tacoma and Tillikum. The Klahowya receives the new Fleet Achievement Award for best overall performance. This award was introduced in conjunction with WSF's 60th anniversary, recognizing six decades of service reliability. In 2010 the Klahowya, which typically serves the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route, made 12,475 trips, operated 338 days, ran 2,858 hours, traveled 35,604 nautical miles and never missed a scheduled trip due to mechanical failure.

Summer sailing schedule begins June 19

WSF begins operating on the summer sailing schedule starting Sunday, June 19. You can pick up the new red schedule at terminals and on vessels or download a copy at www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule.

Introducing WSF's 60th anniversary logo

WSF has a new commemorative logo to celebrate 60 years of proud and distinguished maritime service. The commemorative logo was selected by WSF employees. This logo will not replace the standard WSF logo; it will be used only for materials related to WSF's 60th birthday. You can view the commemorative logo on my weekly updates page at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

Meeting with Congressman Jay Inslee's office

On Monday, I met with staff from Congressman Jay Inslee's office to discuss a number of ferry issues. In particular, we talked about the new Ferry Investment Act, which was introduced by Washington state U.S. legislators and others. This federal legislation would substantially increase federal funding for public ferry agencies in the U.S.

Kingston and Whidbey Island community meetings

This week marked the third week of our community meetings. We met with the communities of Kingston and Whidbey Island. I appreciate everyone who took the time to attend. On Monday, I will speak to the Jefferson County Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting in Port Townsend. For meeting materials and information visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings.htm.

Commission subcommittee meeting

On Tuesday, I met with the Washington State Transportation Commission subcommittee to discuss the recently concluded legislative session, budget implications, and the tariff process.

Next Week:

- June 20 briefing to Jefferson County Commissioners in Port Townsend
- Tribal meeting for Mukilteo Multimodal Project
- WSDOT quarterly project review

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