



**WSDOT Ferries Division Public Meetings
Executive Summary
September / October 2008**

San Juan Islands / Anacortes

Meeting: Interisland Ferry, Monday, Oct. 6
Number of Attendees: 54

Themes:

- Do not adopt policies that hurt the frequent user
- Reservations are great for the tourists but will not work for local residents
- Dedicate a lane at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal for pass-users / commuters / frequent users
- Parking costs in Anacortes do not encourage walk-ons
- Transit options would help encourage walk-ons
- WSF needs to cut expenditures rather than increasing fares
- Consider reducing or eliminating the Sidney route as a way to save money

Meeting: Anacortes, Wednesday, Oct. 15
Number of Attendees: 15

Themes:

- Improvements to the Anacortes Terminal are needed
- Parking is too expensive
- New vessels are needed

North Sound

Route: Port Townsend / Keystone
Meeting: Keystone, Tuesday, Oct. 7
Number of Attendees: 9

Themes:

- Reservations has had a positive effect on Port Townsend
- For those working with the public (at information booths and in local hotels), it has been a challenge to answer people's questions and help them reserve boats without the training and staff
- Whidbey Island relies on tourists and larger boats are needed to accommodate them



- Consider providing bus service through private companies

Route: Clinton / Mukilteo
Meeting: Mukilteo, Tuesday, Oct. 14
Number of Attendees: 17

Themes:

- Improvements to the Mukilteo Terminal are needed
- A reservations system would allow people to use Mukilteo businesses and not queue on the street because they will know which boat they are on
- Changes will need to be made to the terminal to accommodate a reservations system
- Lack of parking discourages people from walking on the ferry
- WSF needs to cut expenditures rather than increasing fares

Central Sound

Route: Kingston / Edmonds
Meeting: Edmonds, Thursday, Sept. 25
Number of Attendees: 36

Themes:

- Improvements to the Edmonds Terminal are needed
- Do not charge for reservations
- Keep the frequent-user discounts
- Price with incentives, not disincentives

Route: Bainbridge / Seattle
Meeting: Bainbridge, Thursday, Oct. 2
Number of Attendees: 15

Themes:

- Do not adopt policies that hurt the commuter
- Ferries are part of the highway system
- There is already too much demand for the system, reservations will not help

Route: Bremerton / Seattle
Meeting: Bremerton, Wednesday, Sept. 24



Number of Attendees: 17

Themes:

- Reservations need to work for the commuter
- Keep the frequent-user discounts
- Vehicle access to the dock is a problem in Seattle

South Sound

Route: Fauntleroy / Southworth / Vashon

Route: Point Defiance / Tahlequah

Meeting: Vashon, Monday, Oct. 13

Number of Attendees: 59

Themes:

- Splitting the route so there it is no longer a triangle is preferred before a reservation system is implemented
- People need more details before a reservations program is implemented
- Use off-peak incentives rather than peak pricing disincentives
- Buy a ferry instead of spending money on a reservations system

Meeting: Southworth, Thursday, Oct. 16

Number of Attendees: 15

Themes:

- Do not adopt policies that hurt the commuter
- Do not raise fares
- If ferry fares increase, roads should be tolled as well
- Southworth ferry should not go to Vashon
- Southworth ferry should go directly to Seattle instead of Fauntleroy
- There is already too much demand for the system, reservations will not help
- WSF needs to cut expenditures rather than increasing fares