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Summer Sailing Schedule

The summer sailing schedule begins this Sunday, June 20, with additional vessels, sailings and service hours on the more popular tourism routes. These service changes include an additional vessel and increased hours of service on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route; two daily trips instead of one on the Sidney, B.C. route; extra weekend service on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route; and several schedule adjustments on the Edmonds/Kingston route to improve transit connections and schedule reliability. See our news release at www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2010/06/061110_summerschedule.htm for more details.

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We would like your feedback on two proposals for the fall 2010 sailing schedule for the Anacortes/San Juan Islands/Sidney, B.C. routes available at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Service/ScheduleProposals.htm. These schedule proposals are the result of close collaboration with the San Juan Islands Ferry Advisory Committee. These changes are designed to improve schedule reliability. Comments can be sent to wsfplanning@wsdot.wa.gov. Comments will be accepted until the close of business on Wednesday, June 30. Thanks in advance for your feedback.

USCG Public Service Awards

On Tuesday morning, Rear Adm. Gary T. Blore, Commander 13th Coast Guard District, presented Public Service Awards to Capt. John Tullis, and crewmembers Seth Hamlin and Marjorie Ess of the Spokane at Colman Dock. The crew was commended for their heroic efforts in rescuing two divers near the Edmonds Terminal on March 27. The Public Service Award is one of the highest honors given to civilians for furthering the U.S. Coast Guard's safety mission of eliminating injuries and preserving life at sea. There were about 40 in attendance including family members of award recipients. I want to congratulate the recipients and thank the USCG for recognizing the outstanding efforts of the crew.

Quarterly All Unions Meeting

I attended the quarterly All Unions/Management Meeting on Wednesday. We had productive discussions with our labor partners as we work to address our shared concerns during this time of intense focus and scrutiny into our operations and pay practices.

FAC Executive Council

I met with the Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council on Thursday morning. We discussed feedback from the May community meetings, legislative reports in progress, and the Washington State Transportation Commission upcoming meetings. I find the meetings valuable and greatly appreciate the dedication of our FACs.

WSF Management Quarterly Projects Review

This morning we are presenting the progress on WSF capital projects, including the construction of new ferries and terminal projects, to WSDOT headquarters. This is an opportunity to receive feedback and direction as we move forward on these important projects.

Next Week:

- Washington State Transportation Commission Meeting
- Seattle Times Editorial Board

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