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Planning a trip to the San Juan Islands next weekend?

Next weekend will be busy for the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route as travelers head up to the islands for the long holiday weekend. Whether you’re planning a romantic Valentine’s Day getaway or a family trip for school break, [reserve](#) your travel in advance and check our [website](#) for the latest conditions before heading out.

Bon Voyage to Jim “Jimmy” Lemmon

This week we say farewell to a beloved terminal employee, Jim “Jimmy” Lemmon, who is retiring after 15 years with WSF. Edmonds/Kingston customers will recognize him as the plank attendant at the Kingston terminal. He always had a friendly word and a smile for everyone he met. In fact, I understand he plans to use some of his new free time to visit folks near and far that he became friends with as they got on and off the ferry each day. Jimmy’s retirement party was an all-hands-on-deck affair, with employees from all corners of the ferry system showing up to wish him well. I, too, send my best wishes for a happy, healthy retirement.



Report out to Transportation Secretary Lynn Peterson

Yesterday, my executive team and I had the opportunity to welcome Transportation Secretary Lynn Peterson to WSF headquarters to share updates on our major projects and initiatives. It was a nice discussion. Secretary Peterson shared her enthusiasm for Practical Solutions and LEAN efforts, knowing that in achieving both WSDOT will be able to accomplish more, build capacity for our employees, and provide efficient and cost-effective results for the public. We will be doing more reports in the future and I hope to engage other staff in these presentations.



Boat moves result in reduced vehicle capacity for some routes next week

It's time for the *Hyak* and *Elwha* to go in for mandatory safety inspections, preservation and maintenance work. The *Hyak* will be out of service for up to four weeks, the *Elwha* will be out for up to eight weeks. While these ferries are out, we need to move vessels around the system to ensure the highest possible level of service for every route. Walk-on passengers will not see much difference in service levels; however, customers planning to drive onto the Anacortes/San Juan Islands, Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth or Seattle/Bremerton ferries should plan for reduced vehicle capacity next week. Subscribe to WSF's [travel alerts](#) to receive the latest information.

Staff Masters meeting

Last Friday, all of our Staff Masters gathered for their first meeting since Director of Operations Greg Faust started last summer. Each vessel has a Staff Master who takes ownership of the boat and is in charge of all deck operations. Staff Masters work closely with the Chief Engineers to care for and maintain the vessel. They also serve as captains of one of their watches. This meeting was an important first step in engaging our Masters in goal setting and developing their own leadership, while providing them tools to effectively manage their crews.

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