Meeting with lawmakers from ferry districts

I was in Olympia Tuesday for a meeting with six ferry legislators and their staffs. I appreciate the good discussion about our service and especially thank Sen. Liz Lovelett (40th District-San Juan Islands/Anacortes) for chairing both the group and the conversation. I appreciated the opportunity to share our 2040 Long Range Plan goals with them.

Sen. Liz Lovelett (40th District-San Juan Islands/Anacortes) and me at a meeting with ferry legislators and their staffs at the State Capitol in Olympia on Tuesday.

Fleet Achievement and Vessel Reliability Awards

Each year, our port engineers honor the vessel engine crews and Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility personnel who achieve the highest level of fleet reliability. For the second year in a row, the engine crews of Tacoma received our

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Haiku contest returning!

Hop on a ferry and get your creative juices flowing because our popular haiku cover contest is returning for a third year! We're looking for a traditional haiku about the Washington State Ferries experience. All you have to do is follow @wsferries, then post your poem on Twitter between noon Monday, March 9, and noon Friday, March 13. Be sure to include the hashtag #WSFHaiku. The winning haiku will be featured on our Summer 2020 Sailing Schedule. We'll have more on rules and submission requirements next week!

Awards for years of service

Congratulations to all of our employees who recently marked significant milestones in their years of service at WSF. Below are some of those who received service awards of 20 years or more over the past month:
2019 Fleet Achievement Award for scoring the highest in five performance categories: Trip cancellations, assigned days, trip count, sailing hours and nautical miles sailed.

Last year, Tacoma made 7,067 trips, ran for 3,288 sailing hours in operation, traveled 56,536 nautical miles and did not miss a trip due to mechanical failure.

A ferry that reaches 100-percent mechanical reliability in a calendar year, which is no lost trips due to mechanical failure, receives a Vessel Reliability Award. In 2019, six boats achieved this goal: Kennewick, Puyallup, Salish, Suquamish, Tacoma and Tokitae.

Congratulations to all the engine crews and the employees at our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility for contributing immensely to the reliability of these vessels and helping us achieve 99.44% service reliability in 2019! It takes a lot of hard work to keep a ferry system running, especially when more than half our fleet is 37 years old or older and we have just one funded service relief vessel.

Amy Scarton
Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

35 years: Relief Chief Engineer David Shaw (right)

30 years: Second Mate Allison Seamans (right)

25 years: Shoregang Kurt Petersen (left) and Shoregang Ed Allen (right)

20 years: Terminal Foreperson Bob Orr

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