



Sustainability Action Plan update

With Earth Day marking one year into our two-year [Sustainability Action Plan](#), I wanted to provide an update on where we are with our goals and actions for greener ferries and terminals.

Data from a vessel noise study we conducted in October is being used to develop a marine mammal management plan to target slowdowns when cetaceans are present and building quieter ferries in the future. We also now have a better idea when whales may be near our vessels with an [alert app and web-based system](#) that gives our captains a more accurate and updated location for whales.



This boat in Elliott Bay off Colman Dock assisted in gathering valuable underwater vessel noise data this past fall.

This month also marks a milestone for us in our efforts to

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San Juan Islands to return to regular winter schedule

Our Anacortes/San Juan Islands route will return to a four-boat weekday and three-boat weekend [regular winter schedule](#) starting Sunday, April 26. The route has been on reduced service since April 10 with *Samish* out of service for rudder repairs.



Vehicles on the route will be loaded first come, first serve through April 25.

[Reservations](#) are available for April 26 to June 20.

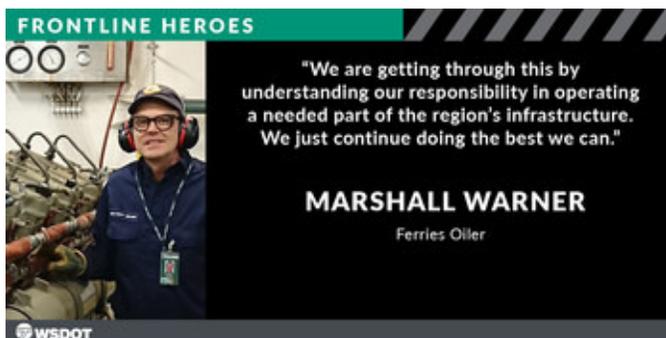
This week's two-month advance release of reservations for our summer season (June 21 to Sept. 26) has been postponed as summer sailing schedules will be dependent on ridership and traffic impacts related to COVID-19.

decrease greenhouse gas emissions. Since we started operating with new speed guidelines to reduce fuel consumption in April 2018, we have saved 1 million gallons of fuel! This equates to millions of dollars and thousands of metric tons of carbon dioxide saved.

As far as the Plan's energy efficiency efforts, we were within weeks of completion before work was stopped due to COVID-19. However, we're already seeing energy and carbon savings and look forward to further savings once all the work is completed, including solar installations at Bainbridge.

Recognizing our frontline employees

To help recognize the hard work and dedication of WSDOT's frontline heroes, this month the agency began highlighting employees who support our transportation system. Last week, Oiler Marshall Warner was featured on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Oiler Marshall Warner says his crew aboard Cathlamet has been striving to be vigilant by reviewing all health directives and updates at the beginning of each watch.

Thank you Marshall, as well as all of our frontline vessel crews, maintenance employees and terminal staff! I want you to know that your work to keep our passengers and each other safe is appreciated every day, and especially during these trying times.

If you would like to participate or nominate someone at WSF, email frontlinehero@wsdot.wa.gov with a name, position, photo of the employee at work and a brief explanation of how the person has adapted to changes related to COVID-19 on the job.



If in a vehicle, we highly recommend you remain in it so walk-on passengers and our crews have more room to social distance.

Customers can sign up for [email rider alerts](#), check [WSF COVID-19 travel updates](#) and follow WSF on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for notification of resumption of regular service and other rider information.



"It's easy to forget the ferry workers and pilots and dock workers until they become a vital resource. I cannot wait until I am able to travel for pleasure on the ferry. My bicycle needs a splash from the Sound."

-Customer reply to [WSF Twitter post](#)

"[...] Thank you for still working hard as essential workers helping transport other essential workers and the good and other items our island communities need."

-Customer comment on [WSF Facebook post](#)

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