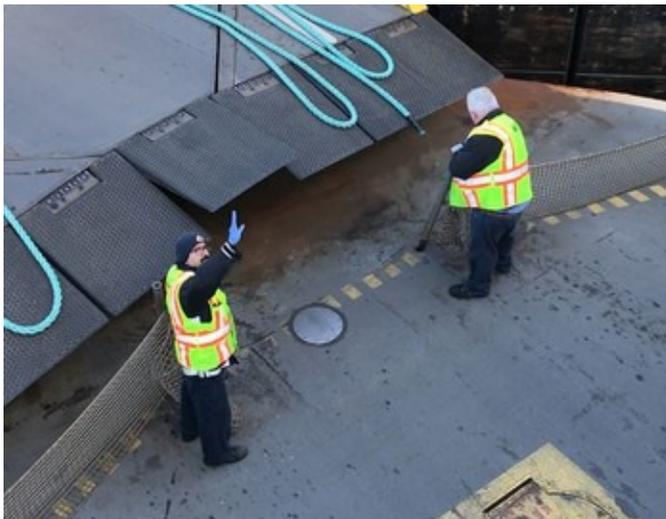




## Holiday travel

I'd like to start this week with a special thank you to our crews, engineers and maintenance staff, as well as our terminal, operations center and customer service employees who will be working over the holidays (and on Christmas Day) to make sure our customers get to their destinations safely. If you get the chance, please wish them a happy holiday!



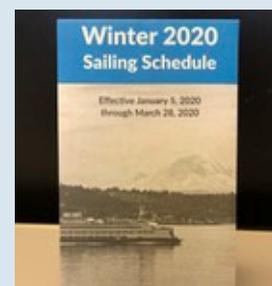
*Many of our employees are sacrificing time with family and friends to make sure our customers get to spend time with their family and friends this holiday season.*

People driving onto a vessel should plan for long wait times over the next week as many travelers head to or from their holiday getaways. With Christmas on a Wednesday this year, we expect many passengers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week. Vehicle wait times should be minimal on routes with vehicle reservations,

## December 19, 2019

### Winter schedule begins Sunday, Jan. 5

Don't forget to pick up your copy of our blue Winter 2020 Sailing Schedule! The schedule starts this Sunday, Jan. 5, and runs through March 28. The image on the cover is from our [#FerryFotoContest](#) winner Jimmy Bernhard ([@SlideShowJimmy](#)). His shot received the most "likes" on our [@wsferries](#) Twitter feed during the October contest.



Our Winter 2020 Sailing Schedule with image by our [#FerryFotoContest](#) winner.

### Annual vessels and terminals report in latest WSDOT Gray Notebook

WSF is one of the main

which are highly recommended. Please remember to check your route's [schedule](#) as some timetables will be on a holiday schedule on Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

There will be no Weekly Update on Thursday, Dec. 26, and Thursday, Jan. 2. I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season, and we'll catch up in the New Year!

### WSF Stewardship Award

We honored Electronic Fare System (EFS) support technician Marj Seyl with this year's WSF Stewardship Award today. The award recognizes an individual or team whose efforts helped the organization achieve significant savings, efficiency or value in our efforts to care for state resources.

A 38-year employee, Marj "supports the terminals on a daily basis, repairing [...] handheld ticket scanners with skill, ingenuity and cheerfulness, [...] arranges transport [of scanners] via various workers [...] on their way to or from work, greatly saving turnaround time for this vital equipment," according to one coworker. Another coworker wrote, "I feel she is an excellent example of a steward of public resources, saving money, time and creating efficient solutions." Congratulations Marj and thank you for your amazing creativity and resourcefulness!



Chief of Staff Nicole McIntosh (left), Assistant Director of Information Technology Brian Churchwell (right) and I present EFS support technician Marj Seyl (left center) with

features in the 75th edition of WSDOT's [Gray Notebook](#), an agency tool that provides quarterly performance information for all divisions across WSDOT. The issue includes annual articles focusing on asset management, tracking the progress of maintenance, preservation and improvements at the Ferries and Aviation divisions, along with WSDOT capital facilities.



*Our preservation backlog for our vessels and terminals is highlighted in the latest WSDOT Gray Notebook.*

A few highlights from the Ferries' section include:

- Vessel preservation backlog decreased by \$2.1 million in fiscal year 2019 with decommissioning of the 52-year-old *Hyak*.
- The majority of terminal systems, 93.4%, were considered to be in a state of good repair at the end of fiscal year 2018.
- Made 99.6% (42,631) of our regularly scheduled

*the WSF Stewardship Award.*

### **Honoring our maritime partners**

We took part in an important three-day active shooter exercise in September at our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility and aboard *Kittitas* in Elliott Bay. This morning, we honored participants for their incredible work in pulling off this large-scale emergency response exercise involving many federal, state and local first responders. The success of this exercise would not have been possible without the cooperation and great coordination between our agencies and the shared goal of safety and security on our waters.



*Safety Systems Director Dale Lathan (right) and I present certificates to members from the U.S. Coast Guard, Washington State Patrol, Seattle Fire Department and the Seattle Police Department.*

### **Amy Scarton**

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

trips in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 (July through September) with an on-time performance of 85.5%.

### **Is that someone in the Mukilteo Lighthouse?**

See [someone in the Mukilteo Lighthouse](#)? Don't freak out... that person is a marine mammal monitor looking for protected species in the water as part of construction on our [Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal Project](#). They'll be up there from time to time through mid-February to monitor whenever crews are pile-driving as they build the in-water elements of our new Mukilteo terminal.



*A marine mammal monitor may be in the Mukilteo Lighthouse through mid-February as part of our new Mukilteo terminal project.*



WSF Weekly Updates are available on our website at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly)

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