

**SAN JUAN COUNTY FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 12, 2025, 9:00 am**

**Call to Order – 9:07 am**

**Members Present:** Ken Burtness, Jennifer Swanson, Laura Saccio

**WSF Representatives:** Tally Teal

**KPFF Consultant re: Passenger-only study:** Kristen Kissinger, KPFF

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved February 11, 2024, minutes as submitted

**Public Access:** In attendance: Robert Dashiell, David Robison

Robert Dashiell brought up the issue of a ferry disruption from a crew shortage on February 20<sup>th</sup>, and how troublesome it was for many in Anacortes.

**WSF Updates**

- Update on WSF Reservation Software (and ticketing and sales)
  - Vendor is called Anchor. Not much has happened yet, but the timeline is that there will be a pilot run in the spring on the Port Townsend run in the spring and that we may begin testing in the fall here on the Ana/SJI route.
- Passenger only ferry study
  - It's in progress
- Post Governor's budget update, the WSF will be delaying the electrification conversions on the Tacoma and Puyallup until after next summer's World Cup. The Wenatchee is expected to be completed by late spring.

**Discussion of when to have our community outreach meeting** and what to cover. Also discussed whether we could/should include WSF representation. Items could include:

- Winter schedule
- Spring schedule
- Reservation system

Discussed whether to conduct surveys ahead of time. Plan is to review survey(s) with WSF before publishing.

**Council Rep Update:**

- RFPs are due by this Friday 3/14 for the 3 prongs of the emergency funding
- County lobbying remains focused on funding the 3<sup>rd</sup> watch on the interisland boat and the additional watch/schedule support which would take the SJI's route to a 2-schedule plan
- Laura Rensberry is applying for the Orcas Island position on the FAC
- Continued feedback about commuters between Orcas and FH (especially Spring Street students)

**Discussion about the letter that Ken sent.**

**Laura made a motion** that Ken will update the letter (with individual input from each of us) and then formally present the letter to Council to amend and distribute at their discretion. **Seconded by Jennifer** and was **unanimously approved** by the committee.

**Continued discussion about commercial traffic**, especially due to the interisland routes.

**Shaw terminal ramp project** is currently underway.

**Public Access** – discussion of ferry labor issues (recruitment and training) and ferry no-shows from Robert Dashiell

Next Regular Meeting: April 9, 2025.

**10:58 am Adjourn**