

July 18, 2011

**Councilmember Update/Ferries, FAC, Intermodal: Rosenfeld**

David Moseley agreed WSF will OK our FAC Alternates. July 13, 2011. At 7/13/11 FAC the following letter was approved:

*David Moseley*  
*WSF*

*Dear David,*

*The San Juan FAC took action today to select Pat McKay and Deborah Hopkins to be our two alternate members. This gives our FAC good representation from a commercial hauler and from the tourism industry. We ask that WSF acknowledge them as our official WSF approved alternate members.*

*Sincerely,*

*Howie Rosenfeld*  
*Jim Corenman*

After discussion with WSF's Melissa Johnson the following letter was approved:  
July 13, 2011

*Tim McGuigan*  
*Director of Legal and Contract Services*  
*WSF (please complete address)*

*Dear Mr. McGuigan*

*The San Juan County Ferry Advisory Committee respectfully requests Washington State Ferries include funding for vessel traffic support at Friday Harbor for the three daytime, high traffic arrivals from Anacortes during the summer. WSF currently funds the first two high traffic arrivals from Anacortes at 1005 and 1300. A third high traffic arrival at 1505 is unsupported creating unloading delays and safety concerns. While specific arrival times may change, we feel the need for terminal personnel to provide traffic support for all high traffic arrivals during the already busy downtown business day is critical.*

*The ferry traffic situation in Friday Harbor was the subject of WSF's May 2007 Friday Harbor Ferry Terminal Master Plan which cost \$250k documenting the various traffic unloading and loading problems and had some potential solutions. The solutions require expensive infrastructure changes. Until a solution can be funded, traffic support is a cost effective way to minimize vessel delay and provide a level of safety for the potentially dangerous mix of vehicles and pedestrians.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jim Corenman*

*Howie Rosenfeld*

*CC: Melissa Johnson*

Fall Schedule comments were solicited on the WSF website. The main issue identified:

Mid-day gap for SJ and Orcas. Without additional resources the only way to close this gap is by sacrificing service elsewhere. This is mainly an issue for hospitality businesses and tourism for getting people who can't make the earlier sailings here earlier in the day.

The draft Fall Schedule was approved.

There is also a current issue with the Interisland having docking conflicts with mainland boats. This is because the faster Sealth is replacing the slower Evergreen State. Even with the resulting waits the Sealth is keeping to the printed schedule. The ES will return mid-August.

The FAC is drafting a letter to Council asking for adoption of FAC's position on the proposed Tariff plans.

WSTC will be holding public meetings here on July 25, in the afternoon aboard the Interisland ferry, and 6-9 in the Council Hearing Room (no streaming – no Council staff involved – just me).

TVW is doing a story on WSF and will be here 7/19 and plans to possibly film part of our SW workshop for background footage showing our Council in session.

From the FAC's 6-15-11 Minutes: ACTION: Vote unanimous to thank the County Council for new FAC Ordinance AND to thank the Council for their "to whom it may concern" letter requesting courtesy and civility in our discussions.