



## FERRY NEWSLETTER

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### **Technology Expansion for the Pierce County Ferry System**

Broader use of available technologies will bring an upgrade to the ferry landings and website. Contracts for security cameras and a new reader board have been awarded following the County bidding process.

Surveillance cameras that serve both terminals and traffic areas will allow 24/7 monitoring of activities in those locales. Cameras directed at the traffic lanes will be displayed on the Pierce County ferry web page, as they are for the Washington State Ferry System.

A new, larger, reader board is on order for the Steilacoom Landing. The new board provides a place for routine boarding information, Rider Alert advisories, and expected arrival and departure times. Similar information will appear on the website. The website will include a graphic presentation of the ferry location as it makes its rounds throughout each day.

### **Enhancing the Steilacoom Terminal**

Our Operations Superintendent, Steve Caputo, is developing several renovations for the Steilacoom Terminal. A new emergency power panel at the landing will allow electrical back up when the local power is out. A generator is currently in place. Non-skid mats will be placed at the terminal entrance and a de-icing sprayer has been obtained for walkways. An operations office will be built along the south wall, expanding space for the operations crew from their current equipment closet. As warmer weather approaches, the outside of the building will receive spot repairs and repainting.

### **Advertising:**

The County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has given the "green light" to utilize wall space in the terminal and on-board the vessel as advertisement space in the future. If well received, this would help defray the costs of operations.

### **REMINDER - Mobile Home Moves - Reservations Being Taken Now**

The Steilacoom II will return to Pierce County for one day, January 5, 2009 to transfer mobile homes and other large equipment that cannot be transported on the Christine Anderson to Anderson and Ketron Islands. There will be no passenger service on the Steilacoom II during this time.

The Steilacoom II will then proceed to Seattle for a dry dock period on January 6, 2009. After the dry dock period, the Steilacoom II will return to service the Port Townsend, Keystone route. Reservations can be made by contacting Marine Superintendent, Steve Caputo at (253) 588-1950.

Sincerely,

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Ferry and Airport Administrator