

NOTES AND QUOTES FROM KINGSTON-SEATTLE PASSENGER-ONLY FERRY EVENT

SEATTLE'S CENTER FOR WOODEN BOATS WAS THE setting April 29, 2010, for a gathering of passenger-only ferry advocates. The event was organized within the specific context of a new passenger-only service between Kingston and Seattle, and a broader context of supporting more service throughout the region. This document provides a quick overview of the speakers' presentations in their own words.

Eric Osnes, Port of Kingston

- "Puget Sound is our greatest natural highway."
- Ships can reach 18 knots with a fuel consumption of 72 gallons per hour; stabilizer fins make for a much more comfortable ride in bad weather; joint use of Coleman Dock in Seattle; Orca card integration.
- "We are taking a regional approach to this system because it can truly benefit both sides of the water."
- Attempting to partner with different transit agencies for better overall logistics scheme; the priority will be for commuters but other opportunities will arise; looking at Port Townsend charting a vessel on the weekend (regional approach)

Pat Hendrix, Federal Transit Administration

- Some funding/toll credits came from WSDOT; discretionary program provides funding for the construction of ferry boats and terminal facilities.
- For fiscal years 2005-'09, \$20M of each year's authorization is set aside for projects within the marine highway systems that are part of the NHS. Each year the \$20M set aside will be distributed in the following manner: \$10M to Alaska; \$5M to New Jersey; \$5M to Washington.
- Priority shall be given to projects that: Provide critical access to areas not well served by other modes of surface transportation; carry the greatest number of passengers and vehicles; carry the greatest number of passengers in passengers-only service.
- Funds shall be available to construct ferry boats and terminal facilities within the states and territories of the United States. The ferry boat must operate on a route classified as a public road and not on the Interstate and be either publicly owned or operated or majority publicly owned.

Rep. Christine Rolfes, Washington State Legislature

- "The Port of Kingston ferry just didn't happen....collaborative effort from the local and state levels."
- "Working for four years to explain to my colleagues...where Kingston is. It is a gateway to the Olympic Mountains. Four million people pass through...each year in a community that has 5,000 residents"
- "WPPA wants all ports to have passenger only ferry rights."
- "Cascadia has been really, really good about promoting passenger-only ferries. The passenger-only ferry system is not just a dream of Kingston or Port Townsend. It can be an integral part of our regional transit system in this area....We need to broaden our collective vision and broaden our collective group"

Matt Mullet, All American Marine

- Tennessee Aquarium ferry holds 70 passengers and can reach speeds of 50mph
- High-tech testing partners in Iowa, New Zealand, Rome; Clean Air Permit Filters remove: 99% of Carbon Monoxide, 99% of Hydrocarbons and 85% Particulate Material

Sonny Woodward, Kingston Chamber of Commerce

- "Puget Sound should be the poster-child for this kind of service. The operation, manufacturing... Cascadia has helped take this from a bar napkin situation to a reality."

Jan Drago, King County Council

- King County ferry system was created 3 years ago to expand transportation options to the residences
- The district was collecting \$.055 per \$1,000.00 on property tax.

Hank Myers, King County Ferry District

- "A collaborative effort with concierge's, hotels, restaurants and other businesses can provide tourists with various recreational opportunities when they come to Seattle."
- "The West Seattle to Downtown ferry is the world's cheapest harbor tour. There is no reason why the Kingston-Seattle passenger ferry cannot give riders a similar experience."