

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES UPDATE

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SERVICE CONTINGENCY PLAN GOALS

The goals of the Service Contingency Plan are to:

- Provide a measure of **predictability** about the service WSF will be able to operate for the next 4 to 5 years.
- Be **transparent** about decisions, considerations, and priorities when service adjustments are necessary and how WSF will manage unplanned service disruptions.
- Provide **consistency** in service to enhance reliability for customers.
- Outline **how WSF will communicate** with customers, community members and other partners.

SERVICE CONTINGENCY PLAN

ROUTE	BASELINE CONTINGENCY PLAN 15 vessels	FULL SERVICE 19 vessels summer 18 vessels spring/fall 17 from late-fall to early-spring
Anacortes/San Juan Islands	4 vessels including 1 interisland-only vessel	4 vessels, including 1 interisland-only vessel (No interisland on winter weekends)
Port Townsend/Coupeville	1 vessel year-round	1 vessel: Late-fall to early-spring 2 vessels: Late-spring to early-fall
Mukilteo/Clinton	2 vessels	2 vessels
Edmonds/Kingston	2 vessels	2 vessels
Seattle/Bainbridge Island	2 vessels	2 vessels
Seattle/Bremerton	1 vessel	2 vessels
Fauntleroy/Vashon/ Southworth	2 vessels	3 vessels (2-boat service on winter weekends)
Point Defiance/Tahlequah	1 vessel	1 vessel
Anacortes/Sidney	No service	1 vessel (spring/summer/fall)

CONSTRAINTS

Vessel Availability:

- 24 vessels in 2015; 21 vessels in 2024
- Aging fleet: 5-64 years old
- New vessels in 2028
 - Can build out-of-state
 - Can select multiple shipyards

Crew Availability:

- Global mariner shortage
- Generational transformation
- Time and training for licensed deck and engine staff



RESTORING SERVICE

Prioritization of Remaining Unrestored Routes

- 3rd boat at Fautleroy/Vashon/Southworth
- 2nd boat at Seattle/Bremerton
- 2nd boat at Port Townsend/Coupeville (shoulder season and summer only)

Adding Service

- When crew and/or vessel not consistently available for a full season, added service will be unscheduled.
- When both crew and vessel are projected to be available for a full season, added service will be scheduled.
- Flexibility to change seasonally.



UNPLANNED SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

- The first day, the route where the vessel is assigned will operate without that vessel.
 1. WSF needs time to make an assessment as to whether repairs will last more than one day. Often, vessels can be repaired the same day.
 2. WSF needs time to assemble deck crews to move vessels to new routes
 3. customers need advance notice of schedule changes to plan accordingly.
- Service will be restored as quickly as possible on routes already on reduced service.

There's a lot to consider when a relief vessel isn't available:

- **Alternatives routes** – does a community have another ferry or drive-around option?
- **Customer impacts and ridership** – how many people are impacted by the disruption?
- **Special events** – sports, festivals, etc
- **Reservations** – canceling reservation trips has widespread impacts
- **Crew** resources and availability
- **Duration** of the disruption

GOVERNOR'S 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

	Current Budget	Governor's Proposed Budget	Funding Increase	Percentage Increase
Ferry Operations Budget	\$740m	\$789m	\$49m	7%
Ferry Capital Budget	\$533m	\$666m	\$133m	25%

GOVERNOR'S 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Improve reliability of service delivery through workforce development

- Add dispatch & vessel crew staff
- Expand AB to Mate development program
- Support Wiper to Oiler promotion program
- Expand MITAGS training scholarships
- Double capacity for external pilotage

Electrify ferries to support climate goals

- Support to begin 5 new hybrid-electric ferries
- Convert 3 existing ferries to hybrid electric propulsion
- Build vessel charging infrastructure at terminals

Improve the resilience of ferry infrastructure

- Vessel & Terminal preservation
- Emergency repairs

Build forward-thinking solutions

- Continue operating the San Juan Island crew shuttle
- Maintain Kitsap Transit passenger-only ferry service
- Conduct study of passenger-only ferry service
- Conduct study of the next class of vessels

Q&A

