



Ferry Notice

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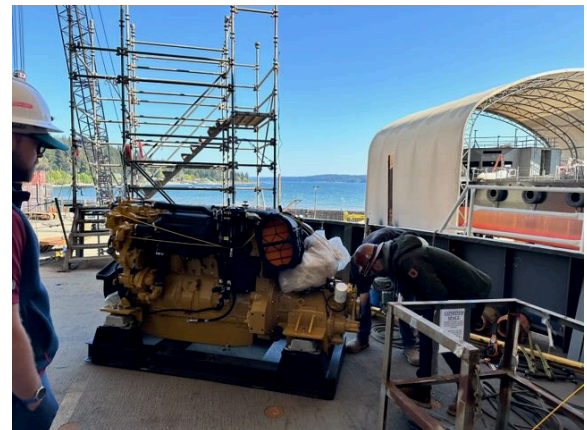
Commissioner Wesen with Captain Rowe

Guemes Island Ferry Drydock Update

The drydock work is continuing at Nichol's Brothers Boat Builders (NBBB). Skagit County's Ferry Division is working with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) on obtaining the vessel's drydock credit for the Certificate of Inspection, which has not yet been completed. County Commissioners Ron Wesen and Peter Browning were able to take separate tours of the shipyard on Thursday, April 24, to hear updates on the work and see the vessel in person.

Here is an update on the work completed and still to be finished:

- NBBB estimates finishing up the painting of the hull and internal void spaces this weekend.
- Bilge piping below deck has been relocated to accommodate the new engines.
- The car deck still needs to be painted.
- New engine foundations and enclosures have been fabricated, and installation is ongoing. These are critical components, requiring meticulous attention to ensure the quality and safety standards are met.
- Brand new engines and drivelines, rebuilt reduction gears, outdrives, and an auxiliary generator still need to be reinstalled onboard.



New Engine to Be Installed Soon!



Engine Enclosure

The ongoing work on the engine foundations and enclosures is continuing to delay the return of the ferry to service. At this time, we are at least a week and a half delayed beyond the original return date of April 30th. We will not be able to provide a firm return date until the work is completed at Nichol's Brothers. Once the work in the drydock is complete, and before the vessel can depart from the contractor's facility, several days of testing and trials will be required. Once the ferry arrives back in Anacortes, the vessel will be out of service for an additional 2-3 days to complete a USCG-required incline test for a new stability letter. Only after issuance of the new stability letter can the vessel re-enter regular service.

We will continue to send out updates on drydock work to the email listserv and social media channels. If you have any questions, please contact the ferry office at ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us or 360-293-6433. More information on the ferry can be found on our website: www.skagitcounty.net/ferry