

## Chapter 2.145

### LUMMI ISLAND FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### **2.145.010 Established.**

There is hereby established the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee.

#### **2.145.020 Purpose.**

The Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee provides review and recommendations to the Whatcom County Council on issues that affect the ongoing operations of ferry service to Lummi Island. The committee also provides a forum for those who depend upon Lummi Island ferry service to voice their ideas and concerns about the ferry service.

#### **2.145.030 Function.**

To report directly to the County Council to carry out the following functions:

- A. Develop a 14-year plan for transportation between Lummi Island and the mainland by February 1, 2013 including recommendations regarding ferry replacement, parking, transportation to and from ferry docks, alternative docking locations, alternative funding sources, and other major operational issues regarding Lummi Island ferry service.
- B. Review and provide recommendations on proposed changes to ferry operations and fares; and
- C. Review at least annually ferry revenue and expenditures, ferry fund balance, and actual versus targeted fare return, and
- D. Assist the County in collecting information from ferry riders on actual and desired ferry services, concerns, and ideas for improved service; and
- E. Analyze and develop recommendations to continue and improve the cost effective operation of ferry service to Lummi Island; and
- F. Educate Whatcom County citizens about ferry issues.

**2.145.040 Membership – Term of office.**

- A. The committee shall consist of 7 voting members, with at least 5 of them residents of Lummi Island. A quorum shall consist of at least half of the appointed members.
- B. The county council will appoint the committee members. Member terms will be three years; provided, that the terms of members first appointed will be staggered so that four of the committee members shall be appointed for two years. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation.
- C. The committee shall have the ability to establish sub-committees of experts with specific goals and time frames. Sub-committees should include at least one voting member of the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee.

### **2.145.050 Organization – Meetings.**

Meetings of the committee shall be open and accessible to the public and shall be subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. The committee shall determine its own meeting schedule, but shall meet at least four times per year. At every meeting, the committee will schedule an open session to take public comment on ferry issues. Written records of meetings, resolutions, research, findings and recommendations shall be kept and such records shall be public. The committee shall adopt its own rules and procedures for the conduct of business. The committee shall elect a chairperson from among its members who shall preside at its meetings. A primary liaison on the County Council shall be established on an annual basis.

### **2.34.060 Committee staffing.**

The committee is encouraged to operate and hold its meetings as independent of county staffing and resources as possible. The Whatcom County Public Works department shall provide staffing and other resources for the committee as requested and found to be reasonable by the director of Public Works. All staff time and county resources expended in support of the committee will be considered ferry operation expenses. The committee is authorized to request from the executive's office information from administrative departments as necessary.