



## Skagit County Public Works

# Guemes Ferry Terminal Project

## Noise Variance for Temporary Construction Work

*Maintenance, Rehabilitation & Repair of Existing Wingwalls and Dolphins  
at the Anacortes and Guemes Island Ferry Terminals*

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Skagit County Public Works is proud to announce that construction on the Guemes Ferry Terminal Project is about to begin!

Work on the project will include maintenance, rehabilitation and repair of four existing wingwalls and the replacement of two dolphins at the Guemes Island Ferry Terminal. Construction on the wingwalls will include: the rehabilitation and reattachment of two mooring anchor wire assemblies and the replacement of damaged rubber fenders, face timbers, and timber walers. Construction on the dolphins will include: the removal of two existing creosote and steel pile dolphins, the repair of one damaged steel dolphin and the replacement of turnbuckles and chains on four existing dolphins.

Due to the elevation of the wingwalls, construction must be accomplished at low tide. During the first three months of 2010, low tides are most prevalent in the early morning hours of the day. Therefore, work on the wingwalls will most likely take place at night. Additionally, nighttime construction allows us the least amount of interruption to daytime ferry services.

Because of the need for nighttime construction at the Anacortes Terminal, Skagit County was required to obtain a noise variance from the City of Anacortes. The variance was granted with the requirement that Skagit County notify all residents within 600 feet of the project site three weeks prior to any work commencing, and provide the residents with the construction time frame and contact information.

This flyer is also part of our continuing effort to keep the community informed of Skagit County's progress on the Guemes Ferry Terminal Project. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this project, we encourage you to contact us. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

### Construction Schedule:

- Planned start date: the week of January 4, 2010
- Construction is expected to last through January and part of February
- Construction on the wingwalls will take place between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Replacement of the pile dolphins at the Guemes Terminal will take place both during the day and night
- Nighttime work is required due to tidal elevations and to avoid disruption of regular daytime ferry service
- Please be aware, however, that unforeseen circumstances may occur and lead to possible cancellations of individual ferry runs; we will make *every* effort to avoid cancellations or delays

### Project Objectives:

- Our number one priority is **SAFETY**
- Replace substandard materials and provide safety enhancements
- Increase docking safety for the general public and ferry crew members
- Provide effective and ongoing service to support the Guemes Island Ferry System
- Improve and enhance the quality and habitat of the surrounding marine environment

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