



## Press Release

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### Lummi Island Ferry to Return to Service

The Lummi Island Ferry, the Whatcom Chief, is scheduled to return to service on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at approximately 9:00 p.m. **This scheduled return to service date is contingent upon successful completion of the US Coast Guard inspection on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.**

On Thursday, September 29, 2016 the contracted passenger-only ferry will run from 5:40 a.m. until it makes its last run at 3:10 p.m. The last run from Lummi Island will be 3:00 p.m. The last run from Gooseberry Point will be 3:10 p.m. **All ferry service will then stop** while the dock modifications and floats required for the contracted passenger-only ferry are dismantled and removed. **We anticipate the first run with the Whatcom Chief to be the 9:00 p.m. run on Thursday, September 29, 2016.** The closure time was selected due to the optimal tidal conditions needed to remove the floats.

The passenger shuttle van service will make all of its scheduled runs through Friday, September 30, 2016. **There will be no shuttle van service on Saturday, October 1, 2016 and thereafter.**

All cars need to be removed from the supplemental dry dock parking areas on Gooseberry Point and Lummi Island by the end of the day on Sunday, October 2, 2016. Any vehicles left in the supplemental dry dock parking areas after Sunday, October 2, 2016 will be towed at the owner's expense. **No exceptions.**

The Public Works Department would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience during the annual dry dock.