

**HMC
Island Manager Report
Board Meeting
September 13, 2003**

Summary

Administration

- Fire District 16 has been requested to advise what they are doing about the recent fire on the west side of the island. They state that the report was sent to the Air Quality District. For Board discussion: billing for HMC's costs related to this, and any other, illegal fire.
- FYI for Board: class action lawsuit involving leased equipment.

Transportation

- Fill-in Ferry Captain: newly-hired individual resigned after about 27 hours of training. Our existing fill-in captain is currently unlicensed and has not returned phone calls. Recommendation: request her resignation or terminate employment. Further: The ads in March resulted in approximately nine responses. We did six phone interviews, found three potentially good candidates and held in-person interviews with two. One of those is still up in Alaska and has not contacted us. Of the other two, one resigned during training and one was hired elsewhere and is no longer interested.
- Renewed search for fill-in Captain: Few responses to ads in Seattle paper. One individual who appeared very qualified has become ill and cannot interview. Other areas will be explored (names provided by current employees and island residents, Internet sources, etc.).
- For Board discussion: the use of guest passes, and possible modifications to program.
- The DNR lease has been reduced from \$1446 annually to \$853.

Roads

- There have been a number of complaints regarding children and teens of varying ages driving recklessly on island roads. A draft of revised rules to deal with this is available to the Board for discussion, per Board request in July.

Water

- Several times this year our routine water sample has not passed the test process. Each time we have taken additional samples that did pass. However, one of the several repeat samples in August tested as "unsatisfactory." Per State Department of Health requirements, and after doing two chlorinations of the reservoir and distribution system, we took five additional samples this week, plus an annual nitrate sample. All the coliform tests were clear (no coliforms) and the nitrate level fell well within requirements.
- Though the source of the coliforms appears to be the old concrete reservoir, with the situation aggravated by the unusually warm and long summer, both wells were chlorinated once.
- The new, and better-sealing, lid for the reservoir is to be installed this weekend. Our Water Manager, Larry Williams, also suggests that we seal the long crack at one corner of the concrete structure. He will advise on appropriate materials.

Parks

- Work to repair the small boat launch ramp is pending.