

**HMC
Island Manager Report
Board Meeting
July 10, 2004**

Summary

Administration

- A reminder to all that the ferry goes into dry dock on September 20, and will go out of service late on Sunday, September 19.
- It is unknown at this point what small vessels, if any, will be available to take passengers to and from the island during the dry dock period.
- Several projects will probably be in progress in September and October: the ferry dry dock work, Peninsula Light Company submarine cable project (see below) and the replacement of the HMC water system reservoir.

Information items

- Update on the mainland parking lot/wetlands issue: Pierce County has agreed to a reduced fee of \$265 for them to do the "wetlands delineation" that is required. The application, with payment, has been completed and was submitted to the County Planning Department in June. Their response so far has been to acknowledge receipt of the payment and application.
- Peninsula Light Company has informed HMC that they intend to attempt installation of the new submarine power cable from the mainland to Herron Island at some point this fall. They have a "window" of time during which the State Department of Ecology will allow the seabed trenching for the cable. PenLight is concerned that they may not be able to supply 3-phase power to HMC's water pumps (well and booster) during a period of power disruption. How long the 3-phase power may be out is still a matter of conjecture. Discussions continue with PenLight to ensure that our water system does not go without power for any significant length of time, and that we are not required to use our generator to replace power delivered by PenLight for other than short periods.
- Pierce County begins a burn ban on July 10. Only recreational fires in fire pits in approved campgrounds are allowed.

Water

- The July routine water sampled failed the lab testing this week, even though a mild chlorination was done in the old reservoir the previous week. Now additional testing both this month and next are mandated. Though the contamination itself is not serious at this time, it underscores the need to build a new reservoir as soon as funding, permitting and engineering allow. The State Department of Health is watching the HMC water system closely.