

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

**Summary**

Administration

- Washington Shellfish, Inc. has a proposal for the Board regarding shellfish cultivation on Herron Island. Doug McRae, principal in the company, is also a Herron Island owner. He would like a few minutes to address the Board and is expected to be at today's meeting.

Transportation

- The hiring process is almost complete for an applicant for a fill-in captain position.
- The ferry generator (used to move the ramps during power outages), repaired by the area distributorship, is useable under certain conditions. It appears that it probably is best to wait until spring to look into possible replacements. A currently out-of-state resident has a generator that may work.
- Board discussion: a new member is in the process of being hired as a part-time (fill-in) ferry deckhand. He wishes to upgrade his current Coast Guard license to allow him to operate the HMC ferry, but needs considerable time on board a vessel of that size in order to obtain the license. How to best accomodate him and comply with employment regulations and budget constraints.

Legal

- A hearing is scheduled to deal with the contractor who has apparently been responsible for starting a number of illegal fires on the island.
- Following the sale of the Baker property north of the HMC office to an existing island property owner (discussed last month) the owner has paid in full the one required assessment and has had the various ancillary fees waived as agreed to by the Board.
- A letter was received from the Pierce County biologist who is in charge of their effort to have HMC deal with the wetlands buffer situation involving the mainland parking lot. The County has agreed to lower the cost to HMC by about 41%,s as the initial gravel deposit and grading on the lot was done by a third party without permission.

Roads

- HMC billed Pacific Utilities Contractors for time spent by our Water Department personnel and for repairs to road damage that were made by Dick Mowry. They have paid us in full.

Water

- HMC billed an owner on West Herron Place for work done by the Water Department and by Dick Mowry to locate a large leak and repair the culvert and road at that point. He is expected to be present at the meeting today.