

**HMC Management  
Island Manager Report  
Board Meeting  
October 9, 2004**

**Summary**

Administration

- For Board discussion: ferry crew passes to match expiration time of senior passes.
- For Board discussion: ferry captains are all up for license renewal. Should HMC cover some portion of their expenses and/or lost time (they must travel to Seattle on weekdays).

Information items

- Claudia Jones has tendered her resignation as a part-time ferry deckhand.
- New stickers for boats and other non-automobile conveyances need to be ordered.

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- Fire District 16 has placed a new (for Herron Island) fire engine on the island. It replaces one that was over 30 years old.

Land Use

- HMC's lot on North Fir has been listed for sale.

Legal

- The new name, "HMC Management," is now official.

Transportation

- The ferry came out of dry dock late Friday afternoon, October 1. Though a short sea trial found no problems, it was discovered as the vessel headed to Herron Island that one engine had what turned out to be a governor problem. A diesel mechanic was unable to repair it on Saturday, but another mechanic finally found the solution on Monday, October 4.
- The following are some highlights of the dry dock session: The Coast Guard inspection was passed easily; both engines were overhauled as necessary; a new "ladder" (stairway) was installed at one end of the ferry wheelhouse deck; the ferry was repainted in red/white/black in all areas above the waterline; the passenger cabin windows were re-set in their frames to stop the rainwater leaking (several still need final adjusting); new bilgewater alarms were installed in the steering compartments.
- The ferry ramp lighting has been burning out before we are prepared to rent a lift unit that can reach them for bulb renewal (done in the spring of each year) so an attempt is being made to find a type that will last longer.
- The Coast Guard will be doing its annual inspection of the ferry in late October or early November. This is different than the bi-annual dry dock inspection.

## Water

- The generator at the well site, that provides power to the submersible and booster pumps if commercial power is lost, needs work. After investigating the current status of the generator, which is supposed to start automatically if power goes out, it appears that it will be necessary to have the original vendor (Cummins Diesel Northwest) make repairs to the electrical and electronic equipment. HMC volunteers will be able to service the diesel engine that drives the generator.
- The engineering firm that is drawing the plans for the new reservoir finished the draft plan set. Upon review with HMC the engineer will be making some changes to the draft, but it is essentially ready to go to the State Department of Health and to Pierce County. The soils report for the reservoir site recommends not doing the work during the height of the rainy season, as soil compaction is difficult for the soils present there. That does not rule out doing at least some of the work during the winter, but if the Department of Health agrees, it may be that the actual installation of the new tank will be in the spring, again depending on the winter weather.