

PLIC Annual Meeting

The purpose of PLIC has been to educate, preserve, and advocate for long-term ferry transportation to Lummi Island. With the signing of the 35-year lease in 2011, the question has been raised whether PLIC still has a role on the island. The PLIC Board of Directors has considered this question over the past year.

Since the signing of the lease, PLIC has been 1) instrumental in the formation of the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC) and 2) vigilant in the implementation of 21 of the recommendations made by the Ferry Task Force.

Thanks to the Task Force and PLIC advocacy, kids now ride free. There is more single-engine usage, resulting in an estimated \$18,000 in fuel savings last year. Elimination of fenced parking and paid security at Gooseberry Point has resulted in another \$116,000 annual savings. Also, PLIC was the organization that provided islanders' reactions to the elimination of security at Gooseberry Point through the survey conducted last fall. Issues on the horizon? Electronic ticketing that will allow the acceptance of credit cards, changes in needs-based fares, and possible cuts in ferry service.

We realize that PLIC is the island's only voice on these issues. PLIC advocates for the island while LIFAC works for the County Council by providing it information gathered from, among other sources, islanders through PLIC. In short, the PLIC board continues to see a valuable role for the organization in the coming year.

We invite all islanders to attend the PLIC Annual Meeting at the Grange at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, January 22nd. There will be ice cream, cake, board member nominations and elections, and the setting of the coming year's agenda. Interested in addressing these issues as a board member? Contact info@plicferry.org. Membership is free. Any island resident or property owner not already belonging to PLIC but concerned with ferry issues can join that evening and be able to vote.