



ANDERSON ISLAND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

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Airport and Ferry Administrator
Pierce County Department of Public Works and Utilities
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Ms. Wallace;

The purpose of this letter is to advise Pierce County, through the Department of Public Works and Utilities, of the Anderson Island Citizens' Advisory Board's (AICAB) recommendation concerning proposed Pierce County ferry fare adjustments for 2014 and 2015. Pierce County Code Chapter 2.61 created the AICAB and assigned it responsibility to in part, "make recommendations to the County on matters relative to the Anderson Island community."

By majority vote of its membership on September 26, 2013, the AICAB recommends that Pierce County proceed with the Department of Public Works and Utilities proposed three (3) percent increase in Pierce County ferry fares effective January 1, 2014 and the Department of Public Works and Utilities proposed three (3) percent increase in Pierce County ferry fares effective January 1, 2015; with one exception. It is our recommendation that the current \$3.40 single round-trip fare for the "Youth (age 5 through 18)" class of ridership be retained without an increase in either 2014 or 2015.

As stated in our By-Laws, our goal "is to faithfully convey Island viewpoints and opinions, including minority views, on significant issues affecting Anderson Island." To that end, I would note that the vote of the AICAB on this recommendation was not unanimous. With one member absent, the vote was eight (8) in favor and (1) in opposition to the above recommendation. Once approved by the Board, we will provide you with summary minutes of our meeting which will reflect the various viewpoints and opinions shared by AICAB members and community members at the meeting. However, I would note that there is interest in researching the support for and feasibility of a modified service schedule to reduce expenses and/or lengthen the service day. I would also note that there is interest in researching the support for and feasibility of establishing a discounted "monthly pass" for walk-on daily commuters. AICAB looks forward to working with your organization in the coming months on these and other ideas to enhance service to the Island community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Joe Howells, Board Chair
Anderson Island Citizens' Advisory Board

c. AICAB Membership
County Councilmember Doug Richardson