

Purpose and Timeline for Amending Oversized Vehicle Fare WAC 468-300-040

January 17, 2012

May 2012 is the anticipated month that the new reservations system will go into effect for the Port Townsend/Coupeville, Anacortes/Sidney, B.C., and commercial vehicles for the domestic San Juan Islands routes.

Commercial reservations in the San Juan Islands are currently handled on a quarterly basis in a manual fashion, requiring staff time to process. This was the primary reason a fee was established in the tariff WAC many years ago, totaling \$500/year (\$200 for summer, \$100 for each of the other three seasons), for eligible vehicles to participate in the priority loading/commercial reservations program.

The new reservation system will allow commercial traffic to make reservations on line, minimizing staff time. In accordance with the guiding principle in the new system that reservations should not result in total cost above what that customer would have paid without reservations, WSF is proposing to the Transportation Commission that it delete the following section from WAC 468-300-040 pertaining to this seasonal fee:

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE RESERVATION FEES - For commercial vehicles traveling with reservations a participation fee (\$200 for summer schedule season, \$100 for each of the other schedule seasons) will be charged. Fees will be collected when reservations are confirmed.

No other changes to the WAC sections pertaining to tariff are anticipated at this time. The following is a timeline of steps needed:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1/17	Commission action to authorize CR 101 and CR 102*
1/18	File CR 101 by Noon
3/2 – 3/7	Window to file CR 102 with proposal
4/17	Commission hearing on proposal in Mount Vernon*
4/18	File CR 103
5/18	New rule goes into effect

*Occurs during already scheduled Commission meetings