

# Replacement Ferry

Wahkiakum County

# Project Description

- The project was to replace a ferry built in 1961 with a more modern ferry meeting; current Coast Guard safety requirements, Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and with a modest increase in capacity
- The ferry provides the only means of vehicular crossing of the Columbia River between Astoria, Oregon, and Longview, Washington, and is the last ferry on the lower Columbia River.

# Project Challenges

- Old Ferry ramp structurally deficient, should meet parameters of new ferry
- Financially difficult for a very small County
- Synchronize ramp mods to ferry arrival
- Permit challenges, fish windows
- Have not built a ferry for over 50 years
- Ramp on Oregon side must be rebuilt
- Ferry channel must be realigned – dredged

# Project Partners

- Funding
  - ◆ Federal Highway Administration (FBDG)
  - ◆ County Road Administration Board
  - ◆ Washington State DOT
  - ◆ Wahkiakum County

## Construction

- US Coast Guard
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Clatsop County, Oregon



# Ferry Wahkiakum Fall 2013



# Ferry Ramp Replacement



# Ferry Construction



February 2015

Wahkiakum County Public Works

# Ferry Launch from Shipyard



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