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# Passenger Ferry Service - Demand Study

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## Today's Presentation

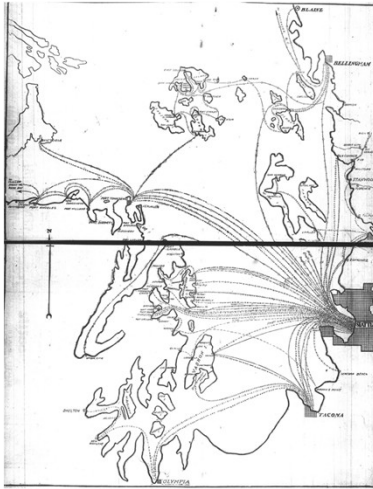
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## Background

### Mosquito Fleet



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## Current Status of Ferry Service



- **State-Run Ferry System**

- Operates 8 routes that serve 20 terminals
- One passenger-only route
- Maintains a fleet of 21 boats
- Wants to transition boats to hybrid-electric by 2040
- New boats being built in Florida

- **Other Ferries:**

- King County Water Taxi
  - Operated by King County
  - Goes from Seattle to West Seattle and Vashon Island
- Kitsap County Fast Ferries
  - Operated by Kitsap Transit
  - Goes from Seattle to Bremerton, Kingston and Southworth

- **No Ferries Serve Olympia**

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## Actions Taken to Date



- **Fast Ferry Demonstration**
  - May of 2025
  - State and local leaders attended
- **Explored Concept of a Pilot Run to Des Moines**
  - To take passengers to SeaTac Airport
  - Des Moines is already exploring passenger ferry service to Seattle
  - Artemis provided a proposal to sell or charter a boat to the Port
- **Discussed a Pilot Project with Intercity Transit**
  - It is not in their long-term plans
  - Open to an Interlocal Agreement with the Port so Port could sponsor it
- **The Port Has Supported Legislation That Facilitates the Return of a Mosquito Fleet**
  - ESHB 1923 – expands what kind of public bodies can establish passenger ferry service

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## Possibilities

- **Next Steps on Ferry Service:**
  1. Demand Study (est. \$50,000)
  2. Economic Impact Study
  3. Feasibility Study
  4. Pilot Project
  5. Long-Term – Private Operator
- **Green Manufacturing:**
  - Electric Vessels
  - Batteries
  - Lack of Shipyard Space Regionally
  - Willing International Investors
  - Known Technologies
  - Clean Manufacturing
  - Good Jobs



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## Why Port of Olympia?

- **Ferry Service:**
  1. Tourism Mission
  2. Role in Regional Transportation
  3. Vision 2050 Goals
- **Green Manufacturing**
  1. Job Creation
  2. Economic Development
  3. Environmental Stewardship
    - a. Clean mode of transportation
    - b. Clean manufacturing process
  4. Vision 2050 Goals



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## Questions

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