



**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**RE: TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF RETIRED VESSELS**

The Washington State Department of Transportation Ferries Division, operating as Washington State Ferries (hereinafter called “WSF”), issues this Request for Information (RFI) to gauge interest in the proposed transfer of ownership of the two retired ferry vessels M/V Klahowya and M/V Hyak to a company for the purpose of repurposing, recycling, or repowering and refurbishing them for potential lease back to WSF.

This RFI is an informal outreach intended to gauge interest in the proposed transfer of ownership of the above vessels. After evaluating responses, WSF may publish a formal notice for a competitive Request For Proposals (RFP) or other process. Respondents to this RFI will be informed and receive a copy of the RFP notice. However, a response to this RFI is not a prerequisite for participation in the RFP process.

At the conclusion of an RFP or other competitive process the selected company would assume full ownership and all associated liabilities of the vessels. All refurbishment and repowering expenses, if applicable, would be the responsibility of the selected company. WSF would retain no ownership rights to the vessels after the transfer.

WSF would not be obligated to lease the vessels back from the selected company. Any lease agreement would be negotiated separately from the transfer of ownership, and if no agreement with WSF is reached, the selected company would be solely responsible for determining alternative uses for the vessels.

WSF recognizes that transferring ownership of the vessels may involve significant risk and/or expense for the selected company and therefore may pay a fee to partially offset that risk and/or expense, depending on the plan for the vessels.

**Note:** Any WSF standards applicable to the procurement of equipment or outfitting of the vessels that the selected company would be required to follow in order to complete a refurbishment and repowering, will be identified by WSF.

To assist interested parties, physical vessel drawings are available in WSF technical library. The following references are attached to this RFI.

- Recent Vessel Surveys
- Lists of available vessel drawings
- Tanks Plan,
- Hull Plating Plan,
- Vehicle Decks Plating Plan,
- Passenger Deck Plating Plan,

## Fire Control Plan

Worklists for previous drydock projects can be found on the state website:

<https://www.wsdot.com/Ferries/Business/contracts/search/browse?category=5&fiscalYear=&awarded=>

Below is the online Preservation contract history for each vessel:

### MV Hyak

- FY08 – Contract 00-7416
- FY11 – Contract 00-8014
- FY13 – Contract 00-8426
- FY16 – Contract 00-8805
- FY17 – Contract 00-9014
- FY18 – Contract 00-9139

### MV Klahowya

- FY10 – Contract 00-7799
- FY13 – Contract 00-8356
- FY14 – Contract 00-8591

Interested parties should email questions about the RFI and requests to schedule a shipcheck to: [james.schubert@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:james.schubert@wsdot.wa.gov) and cc: [forrest.nichols@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:forrest.nichols@wsdot.wa.gov) and [ben.dietz@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:ben.dietz@wsdot.wa.gov).

Responses to this RFI should be no more than five (5) written pages in length. Interested parties should send responses no later than **5 pm on Friday, January 9, 2026**. Responses to the RFI should be sent to: [ben.dietz@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:ben.dietz@wsdot.wa.gov). The responses are non-binding.

WSF desires discussions with interested parties during the period of Jan 20 - 28, 2026. Requests to schedule discussions should be sent to [ben.dietz@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:ben.dietz@wsdot.wa.gov)

This RFI will be posted on the following WSF web site: [WSDOT - Ferries - Business With WSF](#).

WSF assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by a respondent to this RFI.

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