

# Ferries Regional Governance Proposal

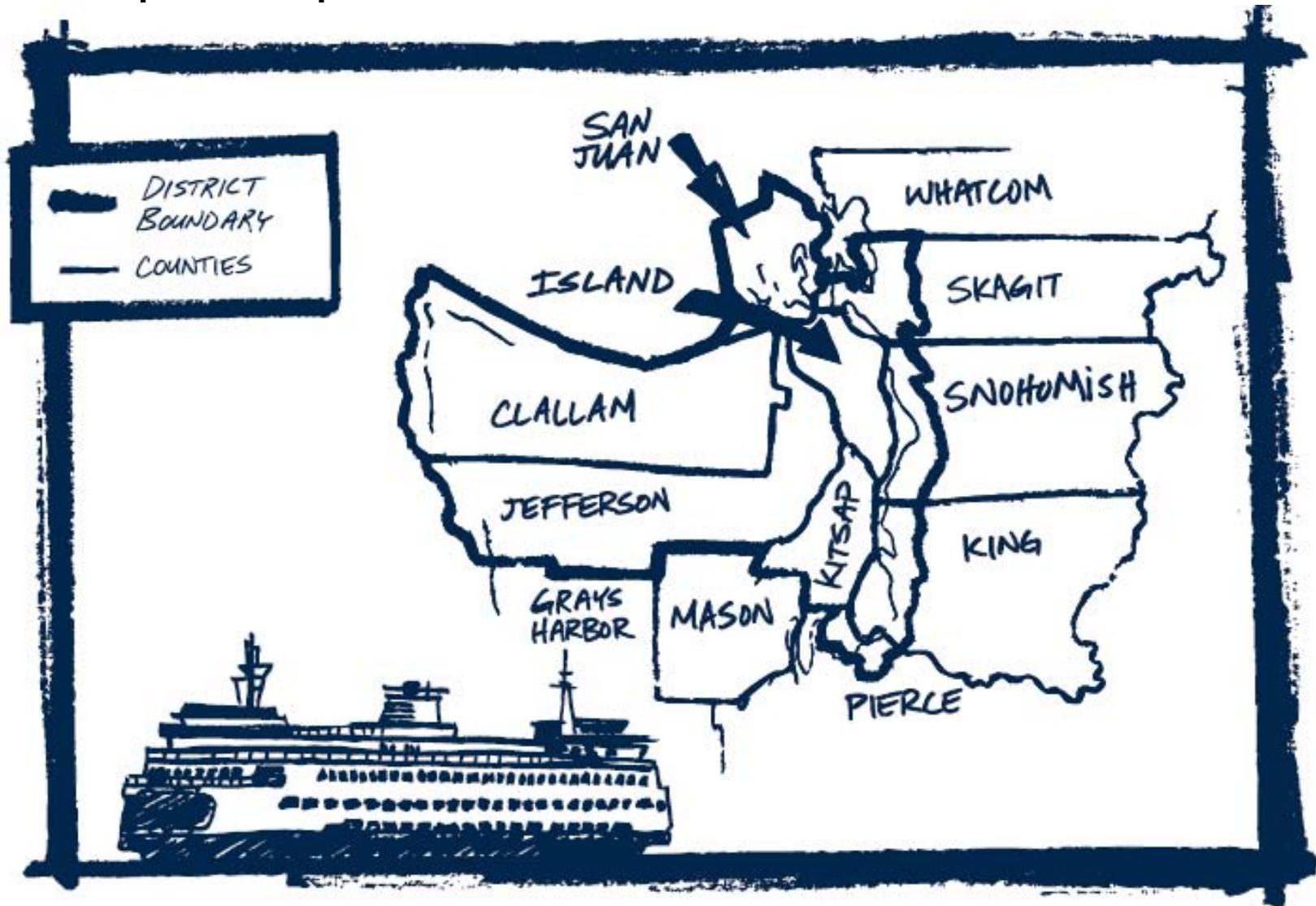
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# Passenger Vessel Association Report

National Passenger Vessel Association report requested by Governor analyzed six ferry governance models:

1. Private
2. Private operator using publicly owned assets
3. Publicly owned corporation
4. Independent authority
5. Regional transportation district
6. Division of state transportation department

# Conceptual Map of District



***Puget Sound Regional Ferry District***

# Board of Directors

- District forms an interim board of directors: One member appointed by each county legislative authority and 7 at-large members appointed by the Governor.
- District governed by 15-member board: 8 members elected from electoral districts and 7 at-large members appointed by the Governor.

# State Funding for Core Service Level

State provides ongoing funding for core service level that's approved by legislature. Process for defining core service level:

Interim board formed



Board and state develop core service options and costs



Options reviewed by OFM and preferred option provided to legislature



Interim board develops operating and financing plan for preferred option, for approval and funding in transportation budget

# Ferry District Funding

1. State pays for core service level for state marine highway system
2. Fares
3. Non-farebox revenue (such as concessions, advertising)
4. Local fees or taxes if District wants more service

# Recap of Process

District and interim board formed



Proposed definitions of core service level for marine highway system developed

- Board selects preferred option for future planning
- Presented to legislature



Board develops business plan for ferry service

- Must include core service level
- May propose additional service to be funded by local option taxes/fees



# Recap of Process—continued

Plan reviewed by OFM and included in Governor's proposed transportation budget



Legislature may reject or approve plan via budget process



If plan is funded, permanent board formed, board members elected, and District takes over service

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