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See Also: Whatcom County Code Chapters 10.32 Movement of Oversize Vehicles and 12.36 Load Limits

### **MOVEMENT OF OVERWEIGHT LOADS ACROSS THE FERRY SYSTEM**

This policy applies to all loads using the Whatcom County ferry system that exceed the posted weight restriction of 20 tons or 25 tons with captain's permission and weight slip and legal load limits as defined in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.44.041. Ferry system includes the MV Whatcom Chief and the approach and transfer spans for both the Lummi Island and Gooseberry Point Terminals.

- 1. Overweight loads exceeding 27 tons (54,000 lbs) are not allowed across the ferry system.**
- 2. For loads between 25 tons and 27 tons applicants shall submit a complete Whatcom County Oversize/Overweight permit application to Engineering Services.**
- 3. The overweight load must be non-divisible as defined by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-38-050. Applications not meeting this definition will be denied.**
- 4. Permit approval of non-divisible overweight loads between 25 tons and 27 tons will include the following conditions:**
  - Move shall be coordinated with the Senior Ferry Master of the MV Whatcom Chief.
  - A dated and printed weight slip verifying the gross vehicle weight shall be provided at time of move.
  - Move shall be made at a tidal elevation of 8.0 feet MLLW or greater.
  - Larger Vehicle w/Driver 50,000 to 54,000 lbs ferry fare of \$300.00 shall apply.
- 5. This policy may be modified or revoked if the condition of the ferry system changes.**

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Movement of Overweight Loads Across the Ferry System

Topic: **Operations**

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Cancels: N/A

See Procedures: N/A

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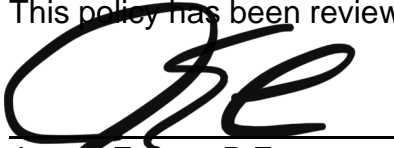
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See Tasks: N/A

See Reference: WAC 468-38-050 and RCW 46.44.041

See Forms: N/A

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