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PREAMBLE

This Collective Bargaining Agreement (Agreement) is between the State of Washington (hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”), and the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters (hereinafter referred to as the “Union”) for the purpose of setting forth the mutual understanding of the parties as to conditions of employment for those employees for whom the Employer recognizes the Union as the collective bargaining representative.

It is agreed by the parties that it is in their best interest to establish employment relations based on mutual respect and cooperation, provide for fair treatment to all employees, promote efficient and cost-effective service, and recognize the value of employees and the work they perform.

ARTICLE 1

SCOPE

This Agreement shall apply to all employees regularly assigned maintenance, repair and conversion work necessary to maintain the Washington State Ferries (WSF) and auxiliary equipment or fixtures used in conjunction therewith, with the exception of the Shore Gang and Metal Trades.

The parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement constitute the complete agreement between the parties. Any Letter or Memorandum of Understanding (LOU/MOU) applicable to the parties shall be listed in an Appendix of this Agreement as a letter or MOU that is in effect for the term of this Agreement or a term specifically less than the term of the Agreement. A letter or MOU not listed shall be null and void. Letters or MOUs added to the Agreement during its term shall specifically state the duration of the letter or MOU not to exceed the term of the Agreement. Also, it is expressly understood and agreed upon that no term or provision of this Agreement may be amended, modified, changed, or altered except by a written agreement executed by the parties. This clause does not constitute a waiver by either party of its duty to bargain pursuant to [RCW 47.64](#).

ARTICLE 2

RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters (Union) as set forth in the Preamble and signatory hereto as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative of the full-time employees and all regular part-time employees covered by the classifications contained in Appendix A of this Agreement.

This Agreement is between the State of Washington (hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”), and the Union for the purpose of setting forth the mutual understanding of the parties as to conditions of employment for those employees for whom the Employer recognizes the Union as the sole collective bargaining representative.

ARTICLE 3

UNION DUES DEDUCTION

Section 1. The Employer shall, when provided with written authorization by the exclusive bargaining representative of an employee covered by this Agreement, deduct from employee wages either: a set percentage each payroll date or a set dollar amount on the twenty-fifth of the month payroll which has been or will be in the future authorized by the membership. The working dues which are deducted shall be paid monthly by the tenth of the month following the month in which they are deducted to the Union. Dues deduction may be changed once per year on the anniversary date of the Agreement by the Union with the resulting dues check off amount either as a set dollar amount or as a set percentage applicable to all the employees within the Union.

Section 2. An employee may cancel their payroll deduction of dues/fees by written notice to the Union. After the Employer receives the confirmation from the exclusive bargaining representative that the employee has revoked authorization for deductions, the Employer shall end the deduction no later than the second payroll after the receipt of the confirmation.

ARTICLE 4 HIRING OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Section 1. The Employer agrees that, when additional employees are required, the Union will be given twenty-four (24) hours' notice via email at the time of the recruitment posting for open positions so that the Union may have a reasonable opportunity to refer applicants for employment. Applicants referred by the Union shall meet the minimum qualifications as specified in the job position(s) description(s) provided to the Union. Such notice shall specify the number and qualifications of the employees required, and the Union agrees that it will refer experienced applicants when available to the Employer. The parties recognize that the Employer will develop and implement a performance evaluation process for Eagle Harbor probationary employees.

A new employee shall serve a six (6) month probationary period and shall receive the appropriate rate of pay for the position during such probationary period. The probationary period may be extended by the Employer up to an additional six (6) months upon agreement between the Employer and the Union. In addition, an employee's probationary period will be extended on a day for day basis for any day(s) that the employee is on leave without pay or shared leave, except for leave taken for military service.

The Employer may separate a probationary employee at any time during the probationary period, and such separation will not be subject to the grievance procedure. The Employer will provide the employee five (5) working days' written notice prior to the effective date of the separation. If the Employer fails to provide five (5) working days' notice, the separation will stand and the employee will be entitled to payment of salary for up to five (5) working days, which the employee would have worked had notice been given.

Section 2. Selection of applicants for referral to jobs shall be on a nondiscriminatory basis and shall not be based on or in any way affected by Union membership, by-laws, rules, regulations, constitutional provisions, or any other aspect or obligation of Union membership, policies or requirements.

Section 3. The Employer retains the right to reject any job applicant referred by the Union. The Employer may discharge any employee for just and sufficient cause.

Section 4. If the Employer hires persons other than those referred by the Union, the Employer shall advise the Union within seven (7) working days after such person is hired as to the name, address, personnel identification number, date of hire,

classification, and rate of pay of such employee. The same information shall be furnished by the Employer to the Union within forty-eight (48) hours after termination of any employee.

Section 5. All employees referred to the Employer by the Union under this Article shall submit to the providing of such records as are or may be required by the Employer for the purpose of identification.

Section 6. The Union and the Employer agree to hold the Union and Employer signatory hereto harmless from any monetary damage and penalties assessed against them by any government agency or court of law because of any charge of unfair labor practice or act where such practice or act was proximately or solely caused by the Union or Employer.

Section 7. Temporary employees who have served six (6) cumulative months shall have all benefits afforded a permanent employee. Such temporary employees will not have access to the grievance procedure for layoff.

Section 8. Definitions:

A. Probationary Period: Every part-time or full time employee following their initial appointment to a permanent position, will serve a probationary period of six (6) months unless extended.

B. Trial Service Period: Employees with permanent status who are promoted, or who voluntarily accept a transfer or demotion into a job classification in which they have not previously held permanent status, will serve a trial service review period of six (6) months. An Employer may extend the trial service period for an individual employee up to an additional six (6) months upon agreement between the Employer and the Union. Trial service periods will be extended on a day for day basis for any day(s) that the employee was on leave without pay or shared leave, except for that taken for military service.

C. Permanent Status: An employee will attain permanent status in a job classification upon their successful completion of a probationary, trial service or transition review period.

D. Temporary Employment: The Employer may make temporary appointments to address organizational needs including but not limited to filling behind a permanent employee, participation in an apprenticeship program or to reduce the effects of a hiring freeze. Temporary appointments will not result in the incumbent attaining permanent status. Temporary employment will not exceed twelve (12) months except when filling behind a permanent incumbent who is on extended leave.

ARTICLE 5
FOREPERSONS AND LEADPERSONS,
VESSEL AND TERMINAL GENERAL FOREPERSON

A. Forepersons and Leadpersons

Section 1. When the Employer selects Forepersons and Leadpersons, they shall be Journeyman members of the craft which they are to supervise.

Section 2. The compensation for Foreperson and Leadperson shall be as set forth in Appendix A.

Section 3. When from one (1) to three (3) persons are employed, one (1) of the persons will be selected as Leadperson.

Section 4. When four (4) to six (6) persons are employed, one (1) of the persons will be selected as Foreperson, but no Leadperson will be selected. When seven (7) or more persons are employed in each craft, one (1) of the persons will be selected as Foreperson and another one (1) as Leadperson. If the number of persons employed is reduced below four (4), the Foreperson rating shall not be eliminated for a minimum period of forty-five (45) days.

If a Foreperson is off on a Friday or the day preceding a holiday, the person that has been designated as the temporary Foreperson on the day before the weekend or the holiday, shall be the point of contact for all callouts until the next regularly scheduled shift.

A. The appointments of Leadpersons and Forepersons as specified in this Article refer to Leadpersons and Forepersons who are working supervisors of all of the people employed by the Employer. Forepersons and Leadpersons are not required for subsets of employees, e.g., shifts, work crews, field crews.

B. In the event the Employer desires to appoint temporary Forepersons or Leadpersons to provide onsite supervision to crews who are working away from Eagle Harbor, such Forepersons and Leadpersons will be selected on the basis of seniority, if they are qualified to do the work. Temporary Forepersons and Leadpersons will revert to their regular classification upon conclusion of the work.

Section 5. Employees interested in permanent Foreperson and Leadperson openings shall inform the Employer of their interest in writing. The Employer will consult with the interested employees to identify training needed and provide materials or training to help employees to become qualified for position openings.

When a permanent Leadperson or Foreperson opening occurs, employees that have expressed an interest in writing shall be provided the opportunity to

interview for the position. The Employer may conduct competitive recruitments consisting of both internal and external candidates within the same recruitment posting. External candidates will only be considered if no internal candidates are selected for the position. In addition to a candidate's interview score, a comprehensive review by the Employer of all candidate application materials and reference checks will occur to determine the most qualified candidate for the position.

The interview panel shall include no less than one (1) union member and no less than one (1) management member. For Leadperson interviews, the union member will be the Foreperson from the applicable shop. The panel will review all applications and interview scoring materials for each candidate and determine the best qualified applicant for the position. The decision of the panel shall not be grievable. The panel shall make a majority recommendation to the Director of Vessel Engineering and Maintenance, or their designee. The Director shall then approve the formal offer of employment to the successful candidate. If, in the judgment of the Employer, that employee is not the most qualified, the employee shall be informed by the Employer as to the reason(s).

Section 6. When a temporary Foreperson opening occurs, the senior Leadperson shall be given first consideration for that position. If, in the judgment of the Employer, the Leadperson is not acceptable, that person shall be informed by the Employer as to the reason(s). Thereafter, in the filling of the temporary Foreperson position, the next most senior employee shall be offered the position and so forth, down the seniority list.

When a temporary Leadperson opening occurs, the senior employee in that craft shall be given first consideration for that position. If, in the judgment of the Employer, the employee is not acceptable, that person shall be informed by the Employer as to the reason(s). Thereafter, in the filling of the temporary Leadperson position, the next most senior employee shall be offered the position and so forth, down the seniority list.

Section 7. An employee promoted to a permanent Foreperson or Leadperson position shall serve a six (6) month trial service period and shall receive the appropriate rate of pay for the position during such trial service period. An employee determined to be unqualified for the position during or at the end of the trial service period shall be informed in writing of the reason(s) for disqualification and shall then return to the employee's previously held position at the former rate of pay with no loss of seniority in the previously held position. Such action will not be subject to the grievance procedure.

If an employee in the position of Foreperson or Leadperson has completed their trial service period, and it is determined they are unqualified for the position, the employee shall be informed in writing of the reason(s) for disqualification and shall then return to the employee's previously held position at the former rate of pay with no loss of seniority in the previously held position. If the employee's

previous position is that of Leadperson, and that position has been filled, the employee that is in the position of Leadperson shall return to a Journeyperson position and rate of pay in their classification with no loss of seniority. The employee that is being removed from the position of Foreperson shall then be returned to the position of Leadperson.

Section 8. Overtime Assignments within a Shop

It will be the responsibility of each shop Foreperson to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of overtime work. Seniority cannot be used for the basis of overtime. The objective of overtime distribution is to allow for a fair and reasonable sharing of hours over an extended period of time. An overtime report will be generated quarterly for each shop steward to show individual overtime.

Section 9. Forepersons and Leadpersons shall be provided a position description which accurately reflects the duties of their positions. Forepersons and Leadpersons are expected to perform duties as specified in the position descriptions. The Employer will notify the Union in advance of any significant proposed changes in the position descriptions and will consider the Union's comments, if any, on the proposed changes prior to implementation.

B. Vessel and Terminal General Foreperson

Section 1. In addition to the duties described in the job description, the following guidelines are applicable to the Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons Positions.

Section 2. The positions of Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons will become permanent positions at Eagle Harbor.

Section 3. For the purpose of coordinating work, including prioritization of work between crafts, the shop Forepersons will communicate first with the Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons. If the Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons are not available the Foreperson shall communicate with the Vessel and Terminal Maintenance Managers.

Section 4. The Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons positions will be filled on the following basis:

A. The Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons will be selected by the Employer from all employees working at Eagle Harbor in a Journeyperson craft position. The Employer may conduct competitive recruitments consisting of both internal and external candidates within the same recruitment posting. External candidates will only be considered if no internal candidates are selected for the position. In addition to a candidate's interview score, a comprehensive review by the Employer of all candidate application materials and reference checks will occur to determine the most qualified candidate for the position.

- B. The interview panel shall include no less than one (1) union member and no less than one (1) management member. The panel will review all applications and interview scoring materials for each candidate and determine the best qualified applicant for the position. The decision of the panel shall not be grievable. The panel shall make a majority recommendation to the Director of Vessel Engineering and Maintenance, or their designee. The Director shall then approve the formal offer of employment to the successful candidate. If, in the judgment of the Employer, that employee is not the most qualified, the employee shall be informed by the Employer as to the reason(s).
- C. Employees selected to be the Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons will remain in that position as long as the incumbents maintain performance expectations. An employee determined to be unqualified for the position shall be informed in writing of the reasons for disqualification and shall then return to the employee's previously held position at the former rate of pay with no loss of seniority in the previously held position. Such action will not be subject to the grievance procedure.
- D. At the end of the assignment as Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons, the individuals will return to the positions held immediately prior to taking the Vessel and Terminal General Foreperson position.
- E. The Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons may, at any time during the assignment, resign from the Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons positions and return to their previous assignment.

Section 5. The selection of an Employee to be the Vessel and Terminal General Foreperson or the removal of the Vessel and Terminal General Foreperson from the position is not subject to the grievance procedure. All other terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) will apply to the Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons.

Section 6. The Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons' vacation shall be approved by the Vessel or Terminal Maintenance Manager. The Vessel and Terminal General Forepersons shall submit requests one month in advance.

Section 7. The provisions of Sections 2, 4.A, B, C, D, E, 5 and 6 shall also apply to the positions of Planner and Health & Safety Supervisor, as referenced in Appendix A.

C. Evaluations of General Forepersons, Forepersons, Planners, and Safety and Health Supervisors

Section 1. Each Vessel and Terminal General Foreperson and the Planner shall be evaluated by the Vessel or Terminal Maintenance Manager on an annual basis. The Safety and Health Supervisor designated by the Employer shall be evaluated by the Safety Systems Manager on an annual basis. The performance evaluation process

gives the Vessel or Terminal Maintenance Manager an opportunity to discuss performance goals with the employee and assess and review their performance with regard to those goals.

Each Foreperson shall be evaluated by the Eagle Harbor Operations Manager or General Manager (as designated by management) on an annual basis. The performance evaluation process will provide the Eagle Harbor Operations Manager or General Manager the opportunity to discuss performance goals with the employee and assess and review the employee's performance with regard to the performance goals.

Section 2. In accordance with Section C.1 above, the Manager (as applicable), will meet with the employee at the start of the employee's review period to discuss performance expectations. The employee will receive copies of their performance expectations as well as notification of any modifications made during the review period. Employee work performance will be evaluated during probation, trial service and at least annually thereafter.

Section 3. The Manager (as applicable), will discuss the evaluation with the employee. The employee will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the evaluation.

The performance evaluation process will include, but not be limited to, a written performance evaluation on forms used by the Employer, the employee's signature acknowledging receipt of the forms, and any comments by the employee. A copy of the performance evaluation will be provided to the employee at the time of the review. A copy of the final performance evaluation, including any employee comments, will be provided to the employee. The performance evaluation, including the employee's comments, will be maintained in the employee's personnel file.

Section 4. If an employee disagrees with their performance evaluation, the employee has the right to attach a rebuttal.

Section 5. The performance evaluation is not subject to the grievance procedure in [Article 12](#).

ARTICLE 6

HOURS OF WORK AND RATES OF PAY

Section 1. Normal Work Week

The normal work week shall be five (5) consecutive days, Monday through Friday, of not more than eight (8) hours per day, exclusive of lunch period.

Overtime Rate

All overtime worked by an employee will be paid at one and one-half (1½) times (overtime rate) the employee's straight time rate of pay.

One (1) Hour Minimum Overtime

For all overtime worked, actual time will be reported, but an employee shall be guaranteed a one (1) hour minimum, except with respect to “overtime lunch periods,” which is set forth in Section 6 of this Article. For time worked in excess of one (1) hour, overtime will be paid in one (1) hour increments.

Section 2. Four (4) Day/Ten (10) Hour Shifts

Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon mutual agreement between the Employer, the Union and the affected employees, said employees may be scheduled to work four (4) consecutive ten (10) hour days at the straight time rate of pay within a work week; management approval must be obtained prior to the shift change. Under such schedule, all time worked in excess of ten (10) hours in any one (1) day shall be at the overtime rate of pay. It is further agreed this type of scheduling will be used selectively.

Section 3. Saturday and Sunday Work

All work performed on Saturday and Sunday shall be paid at the overtime rate of pay.

Work on Scheduled Days Off

Employees who work on scheduled days off will be compensated at their overtime rate of pay.

Section 4. Shift Transfers

Employees transferred from one shift to another, unless relieved from work at least a full shift as set forth herein, before starting their new shift, shall be paid the overtime rates for the first such shift worked. However, if an employee working on the “first” or regular daylight shift is required to return to work on the third shift within the same twenty-four (24) hour workday period, they shall receive double time for the first such “third” shift worked. The twenty-four (24) hour workday period mentioned herein shall be the twenty-four (24) hour period commencing with the starting time of the daylight shift. No employee shall be transferred from a regular assigned shift to another shift more than once a work-week except in an extreme emergency involving a shortage of workers.

Section 5. Regular and Modified Daylight Shifts

The regular daylight shift shall begin at 6:15 a.m. and shall be an eight and one-half (8½) hour period less thirty (30) minutes for meals on the employee’s time except that, if the locality of the Employer’s plant and existing traffic conditions render it desirable to start the day shift for all employees at an earlier hour, such starting time may, by agreement between the Employer and the Union, be made earlier, but in no event earlier than 6:00 a.m. The daylight shift may also be modified by flex time. When flex time is adopted at the option of the Employee and the concurrence of management, the regular daylight shift shall begin at 6:15 a.m. but no later than 6:30 a.m. and be an eight and one-half (8½) hour period less thirty (30) minutes for meals on the employee’s time. Starting times and stopping times are subject to change if ferry schedules change. Pay for a full shift period shall be a sum equivalent to eight (8) times the regular hourly rate with no

premium. The second and third shifts shall start on or within forty-five (45) minutes after the preceding shifts.

To ensure that an adequate workforce is available at all times once flex time has been adopted, shop start time assignments will be approved by the Maintenance Manager.

This is to ensure that the crews are balanced and always have adequate supervision and personnel across start times, the Maintenance Manager has the authority to modify start times when a shop becomes unbalanced at any point.

Section 6. Overtime Lunch Periods

Employees working overtime shall receive a lunch period of thirty (30) minutes on the Employer's time after every four (4) hours if the overtime hours are annexed to a regular scheduled shift. An employee required to work during their regular lunch period shall receive the overtime rate for such lunch period and shall thereafter take a lunch on the Employer's time when practicable.

The regular second shift shall be an eight (8) hour period less thirty (30) minutes for meals on employee's time. Pay for a full second shift period shall be a sum equivalent to eight (8) times the regular hourly rates as set forth in Appendix A plus ten percent (10%). The regular third shift shall be a seven and one-half (7½) hour period less thirty (30) minutes for meals on the employee's time. Pay for a full third shift period shall be a sum equivalent to eight (8) times the regular hourly rates as set forth in Appendix A plus fifteen percent (15%).

Section 7. Callout Compensation

If the Employer calls out an employee between regularly scheduled work shifts due to an emergency or unforeseen operational needs, the affected employee will be compensated as follows:

- A. A Foreperson or acting Foreperson will receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the overtime rate of pay for a callout. The minimum hours of pay is in recognition of the Foreperson's or acting Foreperson's availability to complete work assignments, including, but not limited to, receiving and making phone calls to arrange work activities during their off duty hours.

This payment does not apply:

1. To any subsequent calls within the four (4) hour period (beginning when the initial call was received);
2. When a Foreperson or acting Foreperson is scheduled to work by management in advance or when a work schedule is extended on either end of a shift; or

3. When a Foreperson or acting Foreperson receives a callout within two (2) hours of their normal start time and only coordination over the phone is required. Instead, the Foreperson or acting Foreperson will receive the overtime rate of pay until the start of their regularly scheduled shift.

If circumstances require substantial Foreperson coordination that exceeds the four (4) hour minimum callout, additional time spent in support that is annexed (as provided below) to the callout will be compensated at a minimum of fifteen (15) minute increments, or actual time on the phone, whichever is greater. This provision also applies when the Foreperson or acting Foreperson is required to support additional callouts for separate emergencies that may occur during the same callout timeframe. The following callout and annexation period provisions apply to a callout being taken by a Foreperson or acting Foreperson:

1. Monday through Friday at 2:45 p.m., a callout and annexation period shall be from the time of the callout until a period not to exceed eight (8) hours in total, or the start of the next shift, whichever is shorter. One (1) or more subsequent calls for the same incident within a callout annexation period shall not constitute additional callouts.
 2. If a callout occurs during the weekend or on a holiday, which commences at the end of a shift Friday (2:45 p.m.), or a day preceding a holiday, the callout and annexed period shall last from the time of callout for a total length of time of eight (8) hours, or the start of the next shift, whichever is shorter. One (1) or more subsequent calls for the same incident within a callout annexation period shall not constitute additional callouts.
 3. Any call for a new incident within an existing annexation period begins a new callout and ends that annexation period.
- B. A Journeyperson and/or Leadperson will receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the overtime rate of pay for a callout. If required to work past four (4) hours, the employee will be compensated for the actual hours worked including travel. A Journeyperson and/or Leadperson will also receive a payment of three (3) hours pay at the basic salary, per occurrence, in addition to all other compensation due for hours worked.

This payment does not apply when a Journeyperson or Leadperson is scheduled to work by management in advance or when a work schedule is extended on either end of the shift, when an employee is on unapproved leave without pay, or when an employee is on administrative leave.

- C. A Foreperson shall dispatch available shop personnel prior to accepting the job themselves. Management approval is required for self-dispatch.

Section 8. Shift Minimum Hours

Employees starting their regular shift or called and starting to work after the starting time of their regular shift shall receive not less than four (4) hours pay for the first half of the shift and, if required to continue on second half of shift, they shall receive pay for a full shift. This payment does not apply during after-hour or off-shift callouts.

Callouts after hours, on weekends, or on holidays do not constitute a shift.

Section 9. Callout but not needed

Employees required to report for work for a regularly scheduled shift and not needed shall receive four (4) hours straight time pay. Employees required to report for work on a weekend and not used shall receive four (4) hours at the overtime rate.

Section 10. Separated Employee Pay

Employees who voluntarily quit or are discharged for cause shall be paid only for actual hours worked.

Section 11. Higher Rate of Pay

Any employee already receiving a higher rate of pay than the minimum set forth in Appendix A for their classification shall suffer no reduction as a result of this Agreement, and nothing herein shall preclude the payment of a higher rate at the discretion of the Employer.

Section 12. Post-Shift Scheduled or Callout Work Schedules

A. In the situation where an employee who has completed the normal work shift and continues working is scheduled or later called back to work, other than the normal work shift, the following schedule shall apply with regard to reporting time the following day:

6:15 a.m. Start

OFF CLOCK

Before 10:15 p.m.
10:16 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.
11:16 p.m. – 12:15 a.m.
12:16 a.m. – 1:15 a.m.
1:16 a.m. – 2:15 a.m.
After 2:15 a.m.

NEXT REPORT

6:15 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
11:45 a.m.
6:15 a.m. - Next day

3:30 p.m. Start

OFF CLOCK
 Before 7:30 a.m.
 7:31 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 8:31 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 9:31 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 10:31 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 After 11:30 a.m.

NEXT REPORT
 3:30 p.m.
 5:30 p.m.
 6:30 p.m.
 7:30 p.m.
 9:00 p.m.
 3:30 p.m. - Next day

11:30 p.m. Start

OFF CLOCK
 Before 4:30 p.m.
 4:31 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 5:31 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
 6:31 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 7:31 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 After 8:30 p.m.

NEXT REPORT
 11:30 p.m.
 1:30 a.m.
 2:30 a.m.
 3:30 a.m.
 5:00 a.m.
 11:30 p.m. - Next day

Section 12.A does not apply to General Foreperson, Foreperson, or acting Foreperson activities. Reporting times will be adjusted to compensate for flex time.

Reporting time changes reflected in this section are effective on the ratification date of the Agreement and are not retroactive.

Even though the employee is not required to report to work until the time specified above, the employee will be paid for a full eight (8) hours, or ten (10) hours if that is the employee’s normal work schedule, as though they were at work.

All hours worked on the callout will be paid in accordance with the appropriate provisions of this Agreement and the applicable provisions of the WSF pay manual.

*After all work and travel is completed for work away from Eagle Harbor. Clock out time for work is at Eagle Harbor.

B. Section 12.A is not applicable to early start instances as defined below:

Start Table	
6:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. shift	Applicable Standard
From 2:15 a.m. – 4:15 a.m. (2-4 hour early start)	Four (4) hour minimum overtime (OT) and three (3) hour straight time (ST) call back (pay code 55) “Off Clock” does not apply
From 4:16 a.m. – 6:15 a.m. (0-2 hour early start)	Unplanned early start: 1) OT until the employee’s scheduled regular start time, or (at the employee’s discretion), 2) Flex shift start time and end time. “Off Clock” does not apply. Three (3) hour ST call back is not Applicable
Work that started prior to 2:15 a.m. is covered by Section 12.A	**All unplanned early starts must be approved by an Eagle Harbor Maintenance Manager.

Section 13. Jury Duty

An employee called for jury duty shall be paid the amount of the straight time earnings lost due to such service.

**ARTICLE 7
HOLIDAYS**

Section 1. The following days shall be paid holidays for all employees covered by this Agreement:

New Year’s Day (January 1), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (third Monday in January), Presidents’ Day (February 12), Washington’s Birthday (third Monday in February), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Columbus Day (second Monday in October), Veterans’ Day (November 11), Thanksgiving Day (fourth [4th] Thursday in November), Native American Heritage Day (the Friday following the fourth [4th] Thursday in November), Christmas Day (December 25) and an additional optional holiday to be selected by the employee.

Any additional days declared holidays by the state of Washington for Washington state employees shall be granted to the employees covered under this Agreement.

Section 2. Any of the above holidays falling during an employee’s regular work week shall be given off with pay, and, if called back to work on such days, the employee shall receive two (2) hours pay for each hour worked as a result of the call back. If

a holiday falls on a Saturday, the previous Friday shall be observed as the holiday; if a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday. For employees working a four (4) day, ten (10) hour shift, if a holiday falls on a nonscheduled day, the work day closest to the holiday shall be designated as a holiday.

Section 3. Full-time employees will be paid at straight time rate as noted in Appendix A for hours they are scheduled to work on that day even though they do not work provided: (a) the employee has been in the employ of the Employer for fifteen (15) calendar days, or in the case of the optional holiday for temporary employees, one thousand forty (1,040) cumulative hours within the contract year (July 1 - June 30); and (b) the employee has worked all of the hours required by the Employer on both the regular scheduled work day prior to and the regular scheduled work day following the applicable holiday.

Part-time employees who begin employment before and remain employed after the holiday will be compensated for the holiday in an amount proportionate to the time in pay status during the month to that required of full-time employment.

An employee will receive holiday pay without meeting the requirements of (b) above under the following conditions:

- A. The employee's last day worked and the holiday(s) fall within the same pay period. Absence on the qualifying day or days is due to one of the following:
 - 1. Bona fide non-industrial illness or injury covered by a doctor's certification;
 - 2. Absence approved by the Employer; or
 - 3. The employee has been laid off due to lack of work within ten (10) regular scheduled work days either before or after the holiday provided the employee is returning to work within ten (10) days of the holiday.

- B. An employee absent from work because of an occupational injury or occupational illness who reports back to work when able to do so shall receive holiday pay for any holidays which occur in the first thirty (30) calendar days of such absence.

The optional holiday must be taken within the calendar year in which it is earned. Whenever possible, requests to use the optional holiday shall be made at least two (2) weeks in advance.

Section 4. Employees may designate their personal (optional) holiday leave as a supplemental benefit while receiving a partial wage replacement for paid family

and/or medical leave under the Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, Title 50A RCW. The employer may require verification that the employee has been approved to receive benefits for paid family and/or medical leave under Title 50A RCW before approving personal holiday leave as a supplemental benefit.

**ARTICLE 8
VACATION**

Section 1. Each year, each employee with a minimum of one thousand forty (1,040) cumulative hours of employment shall receive eight (8) hours of paid vacation leave for each one hundred seventy-three (173) hours of completed employment up to and including ninety-six (96) hours. Additional bonus days of vacation leave will be credited for satisfactorily completing the first two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), seven (7), ten (10), sixteen (16), twenty (20) and twenty-five (25) years of continuous employment respectively. For full-time employees who have been in pay status for eighty (80) non-overtime hours in a calendar month, the Vacation Leave Accrual Rate Schedule shall be in accordance with the above, and will be credited on the following basis:

SERVICE	VACATION CREDIT
1,040 hours	48 hours
1,213 hours	56 hours
1,386 hours	64 hours
1,560 hours	72 hours
1,733 hours	80 hours
1,907 hours	88 hours
2,080 hours	96 hours
2 years	104 hours
3 years	120 hours
4 years	136 hours
5 years	160 hours
7 years	168 hours
Nine (9) years and over	176 hours

Eleven (11) years and over	184 hours
Thirteen (13) years and over	192 hours
Fourteen (14) years and over	200 hours
Sixteen (16) years and over	208 hours
Eighteen (18) years and over	224 hours
Twenty (20) years and over	232 hours
Twenty-two (22) years and over	240 hours
Twenty-four (24) years and over	248 hours
Twenty-six (26) years and over	256 hours
Twenty-eight (28) years and over	264 hours
Thirty (30) years and over	272 hours

Section 2. Vacation leave is accumulative to a total of three hundred twenty (320) hours, after which time, if not taken, it shall lapse month by month. Any employee eligible for retirement who has accumulated more than two hundred forty (240) hours vacation leave shall take all accumulated leave over two hundred forty (240) hours prior to starting the employee’s retirement. The intent and purpose of this Section is that no trades employee may retire with more than two hundred forty (240) hours accumulated leave credits upon retirement.

Vacation leave accrual for part-time employees will be proportionate to the number of hours the part-time employee is in pay status during the month to that required for full-time employment.

Section 3. Vacation leave is accumulative to a total of three hundred twenty (320) hours, after which time, if not taken, it shall lapse month by month. At no time can an employee have more than three hundred twenty (320) hours to their credit.

Section 4. An employee’s vacation anniversary date shall be based on the date they commence employment with the Employer.

Section 5. Vacation leave is not available to an employee unless the employee has served six (6) continuous months of employment.

A re-employed or reinstated employee also must have six (6) months of continuous employment before being entitled to use vacation leave.

Leave credits accumulated are canceled automatically on separation after a period of continuous employment of less than six (6) months.

- Section 6.** All accumulated annual leave shall be paid when an employee separates for any reason after six (6) months of continuous employment, provided seven (7) days' notice has been given by the employee who quits.
- Section 7.** Vacation pay shall be computed on the basis of the straight time rate in effect at the time the vacation is taken.
- Section 8.** Whenever possible, vacations will be scheduled for the mutual convenience of the Employer and employee. An employee's request for vacation time off shall be submitted to the employee's Foreperson in writing. At the time the employee submits a vacation time off request, the employee must have or will have accrued the leave to cover the vacation time off as requested. Whenever possible, requests for vacation time shall be made at least two (2) weeks in advance. Vacation or personal holiday leave requests that create an inability to honor work or training commitments and/or would unreasonably impact personnel may be denied. The Foreperson in an area must report quarterly who will be on vacation and when. Leave of absence without pay for short periods may be granted at the discretion of the Employer. Such requests shall be made in advance. Requests for leave without pay for extended periods shall be considered subject to established WSF policies.
- Section 9.** Holidays shall not be considered when computing vacation time off. When one of the holidays specified in Article 7, Holidays, occurs during an employee's vacation period, they shall receive an additional day of vacation.
- Section 10.** Vacation credits as set out in Section 1 shall be pro-rated and credited on a monthly basis.
- Section 11.** Employees may designate vacation leave as a supplemental benefit while receiving a partial wage replacement for the paid family and/or medical leave under the Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, Title 50A RCW. The employer may require verification that the employee has been approved to receive benefits for paid family and /or medical leave under Title 50A RCW before approving vacation leave as a supplemental benefit.

ARTICLE 9

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ARTICLE 10
APPRENTICESHIP, TRAINING PROGRAM AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

A. Apprenticeship Program

Section 1. Apprenticeship Program

“Apprenticeship Program” (Program) in this Agreement means a Program approved by the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council that is registered with the Apprenticeship Section of Specialty Compliance Services Division of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.

Section 2. Apprentice

"Apprentice" in this Agreement means an employee that is indentured to an approved Program and shall be subject to the Standards of Apprenticeship of the Program. An Apprentice shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement between the WSF and the Union. An Apprentice does not have the required number of hours of practical experience and training, and has not passed the required evaluation necessary to be a Journey person in their respective trade/classification.

Section 3. Regular Apprentices

When the WSF desires to hire an Apprentice as a regular employee, the WSF shall make their selection from the Unions list of indentured Apprentices. The hiring of additional Apprentices in the same trade shall be done consistent with Article 4, Hiring of New Employees.

Section 4. Temporary Apprentices

When the WSF desires to hire a temporary Apprentice, the WSF shall place a work call to the Union and specify either a low-time or a high-time Apprentice. A low-time Apprentice has completed fifty percent (50%) or less of their training and a high-time Apprentice has completed more than fifty percent (50%) of their training.

The WSF retains all rights in determining the staffing needs of each classification and the hiring of Apprentices shall be at WSF sole discretion.

Section 5. Contributions

A Letter of Agreement will be executed with the Program in which a Journey person is employed. The WSF shall contribute fifteen cents (\$0.15) for each compensable straight-time hour worked by a Journey person at Eagle Harbor, to the Program.

In no event will hourly contributions exceed two thousand eighty (2,080) hours for each Journey person employed during a calendar year.

Section 6. Ratio of Apprentices to Journey person

The WSF may employ Apprentices at the following ratio within each trade/classification:

One (1) Apprentice for the first Journeyperson employed, 1:1.

Thereafter one (1) Apprentice for each two (2) Journeyperson employed, 1:2.

Section 7. Section Apprentice Work

The Apprentice shall at all times be under the direction of a Journeyperson of the same classification in which the work is being performed. An Apprentice shall not work alone inconsistent with the appropriate Unions Standards of Apprenticeship. An Apprentice, who is working with a Journeyperson on a particular project, shall not be considered to be working alone, provided the Journeyperson is responsible for the Apprentice's work, actively directs the Apprentice and performs inspections as required. The Apprentice shall not work alone in a remote location or where other Journeypersons are not readily available.

A Journeyperson who directs an Apprentice does not qualify for Foreperson or Leadperson pay by that action alone. The WSF may initially employ an Apprentice at a level other than the entry level, however, at no time after initial employment shall an Apprentice's hours be waived for purposes of advancement to Journeyperson.

B. Training Program

Section 1. Hours of Work:

When attending a training program, the hours of work will be the scheduled class hours. The work day will consist of eight (8) hours exclusive of any meal period. Overtime will not be paid unless the training class extends beyond eight (8) hours. In no event shall an employee be compensated for less than a full day when attending such training.

Employees who are on alternate work schedules shall convert to a normal five (5) day eight (8) hour work week during the weeks that they have training.

Section 2. Training Pay, Travel, Room and Board

Employees shall be compensated at the proper rate of pay for hours spent at training or schooling that is approved in advance by WSF. Transportation, room and board (when required) that is approved in advance by WSF and is in accordance with applicable state policy shall be paid by WSF. Mileage will be paid, where applicable, at the rate allowed by applicable state policy for use of private automobiles.

A. Travel time for non-mandatory training shall be compensated at the straight time rate of pay.

B. Travel time for mandatory training shall be paid in accordance with [Article 16](#), Travel Time and Out-of-Yard Work, hereof.

Section 3. Employee-Requested Training

Any employee who successfully completes a training course related to the employee's job, which has previously been approved by the Employer prior to

enrollment, shall be reimbursed by the Employer for the total cost of tuition and books required, provided the employee receives a passing grade.

C. New Technologies and Training

Section 1. The Employer agrees that as new technologies that affect and impact the craft are introduced into the industry that bargaining unit employees will be educated and trained in the new technologies considered to be part of the work of the appropriate trades when introduced to the Washington State Ferry System. New Technology shall be understood to include any proposed introduction of the following:

- A. Any non-proprietary computer controlled machinery.
- B. Any new processes such as machining, repair methods, installations, removals or new techniques or methods within the industry.
- C. Type of systems whether they are propulsion, or ships back-up systems or any system within the vessels, docks, terminals, or any other work place within the bargaining unit's area of exclusive jurisdiction.
- D. New methods and/or materials used for enhancement of the vessels, docks, and terminals.
- E. Any other technological innovations which would substantially affect jobs or job content which would be considered within the exclusive scope of the bargaining unit.
- F. The parties agree this section is not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 11

LOCKOUTS, STRIKES AND SLOWDOWNS PROHIBITED

Section 1. Pursuant to [RCW 47.64](#), the Employer and the Union agree that the public interest requires efficient and uninterrupted performance of all Ferry services and, to this end, pledge their best effort to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the Union shall not cause or condone any work stoppage or other interference with Ferry functions by employees covered under this Agreement, and, in the event that Union members participate in such activities in violation of this provision, the Union shall notify those members so engaged to cease and desist from such activities and shall instruct the members to return to their normal duties. Any employee participating in the prohibited activities may be discharged by the Employer.

Section 2. During the life of this Agreement, the Employer shall not engage in any lockout. Any action of the Employer in closing its facility during a general strike, riot, or civil commotion for protection of the facility shall not be deemed a lockout.

ARTICLE 12 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. The Union and the Employer encourage problem resolution between employees and management and are committed to assisting in resolution of disputes as soon as possible. In the event a dispute is not resolved in an informal manner, this Article provides a formal process for problem resolution.

Section 2. Terms and Requirements:

A. Grievance Definition

A grievance is an allegation by an employee or a group of employees that there has been a violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of this Agreement, which occurred during the term of this Agreement. The term “grievant” as used in this Article includes the term “grievants.”

B. Filing a Grievance

Grievances may be filed by the Union on behalf of an employee or on behalf of a group of employees. If the Union does so, it will set forth the name of the employee or the names of the group of employees.

C. Computation of Time

The parties acknowledge that time limits are important to judicious processing and resolution of grievances. Days are calendar days, and will be counted by excluding the first day and including the last day of timelines. When the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the last day will be the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Transmittal of grievances, appeals and responses will be in writing, and timelines will apply to the date of receipt, not the date of postmarking.

D. Failure to Meet Timelines

Failure by the Union to comply with the initial thirty (30) day deadline contained in Section 3A below will result in the automatic withdrawal of the grievance. Failure by the Employer to comply with the timelines will entitle the Union to move the grievance to the next step of the procedure. In the case of a dispute over the timeliness of a grievance, such issue may be brought forth to an arbitrator for their determination.

E. Contents

The written grievance should include the following information:

1. A statement of the pertinent facts surrounding the nature of the grievance;
2. The date the incident occurred;
3. The specific Article and/or section of the Agreement violated;

4. The specific remedy requested;
5. The name of the grievant or a description of the group; and
6. The name and signature of the Union representative.

F. Modifications

No newly alleged violations and/or remedies may be made after the initial written grievance is filed, except by written mutual agreement.

G. Resolution

If the Employer provides the requested remedy or a mutually agreed upon alternative, the grievance will be considered resolved and may not be moved to the next step.

H. Withdrawal

A grievance may be withdrawn at any time.

I. Resubmission

If terminated, resolved, or withdrawn, the same grievance cannot be re-submitted.

J. Consolidation

The Employer or the Union may consolidate grievances arising out of the same set of facts.

K. Bypass

Any of the steps in this procedure may be bypassed with mutual written consent of the parties involved at the time the bypass is sought.

L. Discipline

Disciplinary grievances will be initiated at the level at which the disputed action was taken. The Employer may discipline any employee with just and sufficient cause up to and including termination.

M. Alternative Resolution Methods

Any time during the grievance process, by mutual consent, the parties may use alternative methods to resolve a non-disciplinary grievance. If the parties agree to use alternative methods, the time frames in this Article are suspended. If the selected alternative method does not result in a resolution, the Union may return to the grievance process and the time frames resume. Any expenses and fees of alternative methods will be shared equally by the parties.

Section 3. Filing and Processing:

A. Filing

A grievance must be filed within thirty (30) days of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance or the date the grievant knew or could reasonably have known of the occurrence. This thirty (30) day period may be used to attempt to informally resolve the dispute.

B. Processing

Step 1 – Director of Vessels or Designee

If the issue is not resolved informally, the Union may present a written grievance to the Director of Vessels or the Director’s designee with a copy to the WSF Labor Relations Office at laborrelations@wsdot.wa.gov within the thirty (30) day period described above. The Director of Vessels or the Director’s designee will meet or confer by telephone with a union steward and/or staff representative and the grievant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the grievance, and will respond in writing to the Union within ten (10) days after the meeting.

Step 2 – Ferries Division Assistant Secretary or Designee

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the Union may request a Step 2 meeting by filing it with the Ferries Division Assistant Secretary or designee, with a copy to the WSF Labor Relations Office at laborrelations@wsdot.wa.gov, within fifteen (15) days of the Union’s receipt of the Step 1 decision. The Ferries Division Assistant Secretary or designee will meet or confer by telephone with a union steward and/or staff representative and the grievant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the appeal, and will respond in writing to the Union within ten (10) days after the meeting.

Step 3 – Pre-Arbitration Review Meetings (PARM)

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the Union may request a PARM by filing the written grievance including a copy of all previous responses and supporting documentation with the OFM State Human Resources Labor Relations Section (LRS) at labor.relations@ofm.wa.gov with a copy to the agency’s Human Resource Office within fifteen (15) days of the Union’s receipt of the Step 2 decision. Within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of all the required information, the LRS representative or designee will discuss with the Union:

1. If a PARM will be scheduled with the LRS representative or designee, an agency representative, and the Union’s staff representative shall review and attempt to settle the dispute.
2. If the parties are unable to reach agreement to conduct a meeting, the LRS representative or designee will notify the Union in writing that no PARM will be scheduled.

Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the request, a PARM will be scheduled. The meeting will be conducted at a mutually agreeable time. The LRS will notify the

Union, in writing, of the meeting results within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the PARM.

Step 4 – Arbitration

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 3, or the LRS representative or designee notifies the Union in writing that no PARM will be scheduled, the Union may file a request for arbitration. The demand to arbitrate the dispute must be filed with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) within fifteen (15) days of the PARM or the receipt of the notice that no PARM will be scheduled. A copy of the demand to arbitrate the dispute will be provided to the LRS and WSF Labor Relations contemporaneous to filing a demand to arbitrate the dispute with FMCS. However, by mutual agreement, the parties may instead refer the dispute to the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) for final resolution.

C. Selecting an Arbitrator

The parties will select an arbitrator by mutual agreement or by alternately striking names supplied by the FMCS (limited to seven [7] names).

D. Authority of the Arbitrator

1. The arbitrator will:
 - a. Have no authority to rule contrary to, add to, subtract from, or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement;
 - b. Be limited in their decision to the grievance issue(s) set forth in the original written grievance, unless the parties agree to modify it;
 - c. Not make any award that provides an employee with compensation greater than would have resulted had there been no violation of this Agreement; and
 - d. Not have the authority to order the Employer to modify their staffing levels or to direct staff to work overtime.
2. The arbitrator will hear arguments on and decide issues of arbitrability before the first day of arbitration, at a time convenient for the parties immediately prior to hearing the case on its merits, or as part of the entire hearing and decision-making process. If the issue of arbitrability is argued prior to the first day of arbitration, it may be argued in writing or by telephone, at the discretion of the arbitrator. Although the decision may be made orally, it will be put in writing and provided to the parties.
3. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the Union, the Employer and the grievant.

E. Arbitration Costs

1. The expenses and fees of the arbitrator, and the cost (if any) of the hearing room, will be shared equally by the parties.

2. If the arbitration hearing is postponed or canceled at the request of one (1) party, that party will bear the cost of the postponement or cancellation. The costs of any mutually agreed upon postponements or cancellations will be shared equally by the parties.
3. If either party desires a record of the arbitration, a court reporter may be used. If that party purchases a transcript, a copy will be provided to the arbitrator free of charge. If the other party desires a copy of the transcript, it will pay for half of the costs of the fee for the court reporter, the original transcript and a copy.
4. Each party is responsible for the costs of its representatives, witnesses, attorneys, and all other costs related to the development and presentation of their case. Every effort will be made to avoid the presentation of repetitive witnesses. The Union is responsible for paying any travel or per diem expenses for its witnesses, the grievant, and the Union representative.

F. Tracking of Monetary Disbursements, Grievance/Arbitration Settlements and Awards

1. At the time a disbursement is authorized as a result of a grievance settlement or as a result of an arbitration award, the Employer will notify the Union and the Manager of the Eagle Harbor facility of the authorization, including the name of the individual employee(s) authorized to receive the payment, the grievance number, if applicable, and the amount of disbursement. A copy of this notification will be forwarded to the WSF Payroll Office as the basis for authorizing the disbursement of funds.
2. At the time the disbursement is made, WSF will confirm in writing to the employee and to the Union the amount, date of payment, and grievance/arbitration identification number.

G. Successor Clause

Grievances filed under the 2023-2025 Agreement will be processed to completion in accordance with the provisions of the 2023-2025 Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 ASSIGNMENT OF WORK

The Staff Chief Engineer has the authority to assign to their crew any job function they desire when the vessels are in normal operations.

While vessels are in operational status, Eagle Harbor craft personnel are only invited aboard vessels to perform work at the Staff Chief Engineer's request, and are required to report to the Watch Officers prior to performing any work requisitions.

While vessels are in normal lay-up status at the Eagle Harbor Facility and/or while a vessel is in normal lay-up at any other terminal for purposes other than the vessels' operational tie-up, all work requisitions submitted by the Staff Chief Engineer will be performed by craft personnel. This is not intended to allow Staff Chief Engineers, during normal lay-up status, to withhold work requisitions to enable vessel crew members to perform rehabilitation work normally done by craft employees.

ARTICLE 14

SHOP STEWARDS - MEETINGS AND RELATED MATTERS

Section 1. It is recognized by the Employer that shop stewards are desirable for the proper administration of the terms of this Agreement. The Employer also recognizes that it is desirable that the person designated as steward shall receive their fair share of the work that they are qualified to perform. In no event shall the Employer discriminate against a steward in the manner of layoffs or rehires or discharge them on account of the proper performance of their duties. There may be designated by the Union one (1) shop steward who shall be the last laid off in the event a layoff is required, provided the shop steward has the skills to perform the work available. Twenty-four (24) hours advance notice will be given to the steward if they are to be laid off.

A Union steward will be allowed to investigate grievances during their normal work day provided no necessary required work is interrupted by the steward's absence, and the steward's supervisor has given the steward prior approval to engage in such activity. Such prior approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.

Section 2. The Employer will not discriminate in any way against a shop steward for presenting a complaint, dispute or grievance to the Employer in the manner provided for in this Agreement. The full grievance procedure as set forth in this Agreement shall be available to the Union if it feels that its shop steward(s) have been discriminated against in the administration of their duties and responsibilities as a shop steward(s).

ARTICLE 15

PAY DAY

Section 1. All employees will be paid pursuant to [WAC 82-50-021](#) as now in effect or hereinafter amended by the OFM.

Section 2. In case an employee is laid off or discharged by the Employer, they shall receive their pay in compliance with state law.

ARTICLE 16
TRAVEL TIME AND OUT-OF-YARD WORK

- Section 1.** When employees are required to travel to and from work locations other than Eagle Harbor during their regular shift hours, they shall receive the regular straight-time hourly rate as specified in Appendix A. The Employer shall provide a state-owned vehicle, when available. Employees may use a privately-owned vehicle if in accordance with applicable state policy.
- Section 2.** The employee may transport tools and small equipment not to exceed seventy-five (75) pounds.
- Section 3.** Employees required to travel to and from work locations other than Eagle Harbor when outside of their regular shift hours and on Saturday, Sunday, or holidays shall receive the established overtime rate as defined in [Article 6](#), Hours of Work and Rates of Pay, hereof.
- Section 4.** Employees required to stay overnight in order to complete work assignments located away from the WSF maintenance facility shall be entitled to state per diem allowance in accordance with applicable state policy.
- Section 5.** When an employee is required to travel from home to and from an assigned work location other than the maintenance facility during the normal work week:
- A. Employees who reside on the East side of Puget Sound will be paid for travel time and mileage either from their residence to the assigned work location, or from Pier 52, Seattle, to the assigned work location, whichever is the lesser distance.
 - B. Employees who reside on the West side of Puget Sound will be paid for travel time and mileage either from their residence to the assigned work location, or from Eagle Harbor to the assigned work location, whichever is the lesser distance.

When such travel is required on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, employees will be paid for actual travel time and mileage from their homes directly to the assigned work location.

ARTICLE 17
SICK LEAVE

- Section 1.** Full-time employees shall receive one (1) day (eight [8] hours) of sick leave credit for each completed month of service, provided the employee has been in pay status for eighty (80) non-overtime hours in a calendar month. Full-time employees who are in pay status for less than eighty (80) non-overtime hours in a calendar month, part-time, and temporary employees in an overtime eligible position will accrue sick leave in an amount proportionate to the number of hours

the employee is in pay status in the month, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours in a month. Sick leave is accumulative.

Section 2. Sick leave credits may be used as soon as granted. Sick leave shall not be used except for the purposes expressed in Sections 5, 6 and 7 of this Article.

Section 3. Each employee's sick leave credit days are canceled automatically upon the employee's termination of service. Terminating employees do not receive sick leave credit for the month in which they terminate unless they are in pay status for at least forty (40) non-overtime hours in the month.

Accumulated sick leave credit days follow the employee if the employee is transferred to another State of Washington department.

Section 4. At the employee's option, annual leave may be used in lieu of sick leave, but sick leave may not be used as annual leave.

Section 5. Sick leave may be claimed from the accumulated days of credit for any employee for illness or injury which incapacitates the employee to the extent that they are unable to perform their work.

Sick leave may be claimed for reasons allowed under the Minimum Wage Requirements Act and Labor Standards Act, [RCW 49.46.210](#).

Section 6. Sick leave use for bereavement is limited to five (5) days or more, if approved by the Employer. This applies to the list approved in Article 18, Section 13, as well as the list below. A relative is defined as: aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, sibling-in-law, first cousin, and corresponding relatives of the employees spouse or registered domestic partner.

Section 7. When an employee's place of business has been closed by order of public official for any health-related reasons, or when an employee's child's school or place of care has been closed for such a reason. Health-related reason defined in [WAC 296-128-600](#) (8), means a serious public health concern that could result in bodily injury or exposure to an infectious agent, biological toxin, or hazardous material. Health-related reason does not include closure for inclement weather.

Section 8. An employee must promptly notify their supervisor on the first day of sick leave and each day after, unless there is mutual agreement to do otherwise. All claims for sick leave must be submitted using WSDOT Time and Attendance System – DOTtime, or on forms otherwise indicated by the Employer if the DOTtime system is not utilized for the employee's assigned work unit.

Section 9. No payment of wages chargeable to sick leave credits will be made until the claim has been properly submitted and received in the general offices, except that the claims for sick leave may be prepared for an employee by supervisory employees in the general offices when the employee is incapacitated to the extent that they cannot submit the claim themselves.

- Section 10.** In accordance with [RCW 49.46.210](#) and for claims of more than five (5) consecutive working days, the employee must secure a verifying statement from their doctor to support their claim. This statement must be presented to the Employer prior to the employee’s return to work.
- Section 11.** A verifying statement from the employee’s doctor may be requested by the Employer, at its option, to support sick leave claims for five (5) days or less.
- Section 12.** No sick leave claims will be honored for time loss for which the employee is receiving State of Washington Industrial Insurance time-loss payments (Workers’ Compensation).
- Section 13.** All accumulated sick leave may be restored when a previously separated employee is re-employed on a permanent basis within five (5) years of leaving state service ([WAC 357-31-160](#)). It also may be transferred between state departments.
- Section 14. Sick Leave Cash Out**
- A. Sick Leave Annual Cash Out
- Each January, employees are eligible to receive cash on a one (1) for four (4) hours basis for ninety-six (96) hours or less of their accrued leave, if:
1. Their sick leave balance at the end of the previous calendar year exceeds four hundred and eighty (480) hours;
 2. The converted sick leave hours do not reduce their previous calendar year sick leave balance below four hundred and eighty (480) hours; and
 3. They notify their payroll office by January 31st that they would like to convert their sick leave hours earned during the previous calendar year, minus any sick leave used during that previous year, to cash.
- All converted hours will be deducted from the employee’s sick leave balance.
- B. Sick Leave Cash Out For Retirement or Death:
- At the time of retirement from state service or at death, an eligible employee or the employee’s estate will receive cash for their total sick leave balance on a one (1) hour for four (4) hour basis. For the purposes of this Section, retirement will not include “vested out of service” employees who leave funds on deposit with the retirement system.
- C. If, at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Legislature of this state should pass any legislation which would allow any group of state

employees to cash out or otherwise receive compensation for accumulated sick leave upon retirement, said legislative provisions shall immediately become a part of this Agreement and shall be fully applicable to all employees covered by this Agreement.

Section 15. Employees may designate sick leave as a supplemental benefit while receiving a partial wage replacement for paid family and/or medical leave under the Washington State Paid Family and Medical leave Insurance Program, Title 50A RCW. The employer may require verification that the employee has been approved to receive benefits for paid family and/or medical leave under Title 50A RCW before approving sick leave as a supplemental benefit.

ARTICLE 18

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Employment Status

Employees are expected to report ready to work at the beginning of their scheduled work shift, to work their scheduled hours, and to have regular work attendance.

Except as provided in this Article, the rules and procedures for scheduled and unscheduled absences and protected leave benefits such as Family Medical Leave, Family Care Act, Paid Family Medical Leave and Military Leave, shall follow the WSDOT Human Resource Desk Manual, Chapter 8, Leave.

Failure to adhere to the provisions of this chapter may be regarded as an unauthorized absence, which shall be treated as an absence without pay and subject to progressive discipline as set forth in [Article 34](#), Discipline.

Section 2. Return from Leave

Employees who have been on an approved leave of absence shall return to work on the date specified on the leave request. An employee on leave of absence (paid or unpaid) who fails to report to work at the end of such leave, or fails to obtain a written extension before the leave expiration date and does not report to work, is absent without an approved leave and subject to the rule outlined in Section 2, unless the failure was unavoidable due to injury or illness, which must be documented in writing and certified by a physician as soon as possible in order to be considered for return to work.

Section 3. No Accrual

An employee on a leave of absence without pay or by reason of an industrial injury/illness will continue to accrue seniority only for the purposes of layoff and recall during such leave. During such leave, vacation and sick leave shall not be accrued.

Section 4. No Conversion

Leaves approved as compensated leaves shall remain so and shall not be

Section 5. Bereavement Leave

- A. An employee is entitled to three (3) days of paid bereavement leave if their family member (identified below) or household member dies. An employee may request less than three (3) days of bereavement.

For the purposes of this section family members include: parent, parent-in-law, sibling, spouse, and registered domestic partner as defined by [RCW 26.60.020](#) and [RCW 26.60.030](#), grandparent, grandchild, child or a child for whom the employee stands in loco parentis, is a legal guardian or is de facto parent, regardless of the age or dependency status.

Household members: Persons who reside in the same home who have reciprocal duties to and do provide financial support for one another. The term does not include persons sharing the same house when the living style is primarily that of a dormitory or commune.

- B. The employer may require verification of the family member’s or household member’s death.
- C. In addition to paid bereavement leave, the employer may approve an employee’s request for the use of compensatory time, sick leave, vacation leave or leave without pay for the purposes of bereavement and in accordance with this agreement.

Section 6. PFML Insurance Program Premiums

The Employer will deduct premium amounts from the wages of each employee in accordance with [RCW 50A.10.030\(3\)\(b\)\(c\)](#). The employer will not pay any portion of the employee’s share of the premium for family leave or medical leave benefits, or both.

Section 7. The employee may use sick leave, personal (optional) holiday, compensatory time, personal leave day, or vacation leave as a supplemental benefit while receiving a partial wage replacement for paid family and/or medical leave under the Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, Title 50A RCW. The employer may require verification that the employee has been approved to receive benefits for paid family and/or medical leave under Title 50A RCW before approving leave as a supplemental benefit.

Section 8. Annual leave will be in accordance with the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 19
SAFETY, SANITATION, VENTILATION
AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Section 1. It is the duty of every employer to protect the health and safety of employees by establishing and maintaining a healthy and safe work environment and by requiring all employees to comply with health and safety measures.

COVID-19 Vaccination. All employees are required to complete their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., be fully vaccinated) according to the schedule recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or be approved for a medical or religious exemption and accommodation as a condition of employment. Employees who fail to maintain this condition of employment for their position will be subject to non-disciplinary separation.

All required vaccinations will be provided by the Washington State Ferries. If not provided by Washington State Ferries, employees will be allowed to receive their required vaccinations on paid time.

Section 2. The Employer will exert every reasonable effort to provide and maintain safe working conditions and the Union will cooperate to that end and encourage their members to work in a safe manner. To that end, a Safety Committee shall be established to be composed of a minimum of two (2) representatives designated by the Employer and two (2) representatives designated by the Union representing Journey person craft positions at Eagle Harbor, which Committee shall assist, make recommendations to, and cooperate with the Employer. The employees designated for this Committee shall be employees who have knowledge of the practices of the facility and who have worked for the Employer a minimum of one (1) year. The functions of such Committee shall be advisory only. This Committee should meet once a month with minutes of the meeting prepared by Management and a copy thereof furnished to the Union.

Section 3. All staging, walks, ladders, gangplanks, and safety appliances shall be constructed in a safe and proper manner by competent mechanics.

Section 4. The Employer shall provide covered transportation with sufficient seating accommodations for employees to be transported to and from jobs away from the yard or shop. No material or equipment not safely secured shall be transported in the same compartment of the truck with employees.

Section 5. The Employer shall furnish suitable guards around welders for the protection of workers' eyes.

Section 6. The Employer shall furnish hard hats and employees shall be required to wear same.

- Section 7** Prompt ambulance service and first-aid to injured workers shall be provided on all shifts, and all employees shall be responsible for the proper enforcement of safety rules. All first-aid personnel shall be identified, and signs indicating location of first aid stations shall be posted.
- Section 8.** An employee suffering an industrial injury who is advised not to resume work by a nurse, first aid attendant, or physician to whom they have been referred by the Employer shall be paid their regular straight time pay to the end of the shift on which the injury occurred. If an injured employee reports such injury immediately following its occurrence to the nurse, first-aid attendant, or physician designated and after reporting for work on the following day is advised by the nurse, first-aid attendant, or physician designated by the Employer not to continue work because of said injury, they shall be paid to the end of said shift.
- Section 9.** The Employer shall notify the Union not later than the end of the next regular working day of any lost-time accidents to any of its members that necessitated confinement in any hospital or clinic, providing the Employer has knowledge of such confinement.
- Section 10.** Suitable lockers, washrooms and drinking water shall be furnished by the Employer.
- Section 11.** All toilets and washrooms shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, properly heated and ventilated, and adequate quarters with heat and hot water shall be provided for persons to change and dry their clothes. Lunch areas with benches and tables shall be provided and shall be separate from toilet facilities.
- Section 12.** Where workers are assigned to work in confined spaces as described in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for ship repairing and/or ship building as published by the Bureau of Labor Standards, frequent checks for the employee's safety shall be made.
- Section 13.** There shall be no doctor's physical examination nor age limit, except as required by law. Unless required by law, no employee shall be compelled to pay hospital or insurance fees in the course of employment or as a condition to secure employment.
- Section 14.** The Employer agrees to reimburse employees up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) maximum per calendar year for industrial work clothing. The wrong selection of size, style, and/or color will not be subject to or reason for additional reimbursement. Employees will provide legible proof of a purchase receipt(s) from the vendor to the Employer in order to be reimbursed. As an alternative, employees may order two (2) pair of coveralls per calendar year from the Washington State Correctional Industries organization.
- Section 15.** All current and new employees shall be annually fit tested for a respirator mask in accordance with required governmental regulations which require employees be clean shaven in the sealing surface area of the face in order to get a proper fit of

the respirator mask. Prior to being fit tested, all employees are required to complete a medical questionnaire from a Professional Licensed Health Care Provider (PLHCP) designated by management. An employee must complete all questions as applicable in the questionnaire each time they submit a medical questionnaire. The information on the questionnaire is confidential and subject to all protections provided by state and federal laws. Management will attempt to arrange for the governmental required annual fit test to occur between June through July of each year. After the fit test, current employees may re-grow a beard or other facial hair on the condition that if an employee is required by the employer to work in an environment which requires a respirator mask the employee shall shave to obtain the proper fit for the respirator mask. Management will attempt to advise employees twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the need for donning the respirator mask.

Section 16 During the term of this Agreement, the Employer agrees to reimburse employees up to eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) for the purchase of soft-toed safety shoes or, at the employee's option, up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the purchase of safety-toe footwear with either a steel or composite safety-toe and in accordance with applicable WSDOT and/or WSF policy. The Employer recommends wearing safety-toe footwear for employees when they are working.

Section 17 The Employer agrees to reimburse employees for TWIC renewal costs.

ARTICLE 20

UNION REPRESENTATIVES - MEETINGS AND RELATED MATTERS

A. Union Representatives

Section 1. Upon prior notification, authorized representatives of the Union shall be allowed to go on the Employer's property and on board vessels covered by this Agreement at reasonable times while at the dock, provided that such visitation will not unduly disrupt the normal work flow of the employees. The Employer will issue the duly accredited representative a pass for such visits, and the Union agrees that the Employer is absolved from all claims resulting from any accident involving such representative while on the property or on board vessels of the Employer.

B. Meetings and Related Matters

Section 1. The Parties agree to have meetings quarterly between Eagle Harbor management representatives and representatives of the Union, including stewards from the Eagle Harbor facility. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to determine the schedule and agenda for such quarterly meetings.

Section 2. The parties agree, in the interest of promoting resolution of grievances and addressing representational issues at the Eagle Harbor facility, to have monthly meetings not to exceed one (1) hour of the union stewards. It is understood and agreed by the parties that the monthly meetings are not intended to conduct

internal Union business. Stewards will be in a straight-time pay status for purposes of attending the monthly meetings.

Section 3. The parties agree that Union stewards required by or otherwise directed by the Employer to attend meetings or discussions on matters under the terms of this Agreement shall be entitled to travel time to the WSF Headquarters, Pier 52, or other locations in accordance with applicable travel regulations.

Section 4. A bargaining unit employee may be granted a leave of absence for the purpose of accepting full-time employment as an official of the Union or for the purpose of accepting full-time employment with the Employer in a position outside of the bargaining unit. Anyone taking a leave of absence under this section shall retain their seniority at the time the leave without pay is effective and shall have the right to return to the same or comparable open position in the bargaining unit at the same or comparable wage rate. It is the obligation of the employee to notify the Employer and the Union of any change in leave status in a timely and responsible manner, including the employee's intent to exercise return rights to the bargaining unit.

Section 5. In order that WSF employees serving as delegates to the collective bargaining negotiating committee for each biennium not suffer any loss of time used in calculating pension benefits, these employees may code their timesheets as annual leave when negotiating with the Employer, and the Employer will reimburse their annual leave account for those hours used (a maximum of eight [8] hours) per day per contract negotiations meeting.

ARTICLE 21

NO LIMITS ON PRODUCTION

There shall be no contract, bonus, piece or task work, nor shall there be a limit on or curtailment of production, or any self-imposed restrictions placed by employees or imposed by the Union.

ARTICLE 22

DIRTY WORK

Section 1. Employees required to work in tanks, bilges, or under floor plates where oil or water has accumulated, or inside boilers, or disassembling boilers, uptakes or stacks, or the removal and handling of used dock cable shall be paid double the straight time rate of pay, for the entire period so employed unless such places are reasonably clean. Dirty pay situations shall be designated by either the Vessel or Terminal General Foreperson after review with the Foreperson.

Section 2. When employees are required to clean or work in sewage holding tanks, lift tanks or come in direct contact with sewage containing human waste, they shall be paid double the straight time rate of pay, provided they are wearing the required protective gear.

- Section 3.** Employees required to perform work while in direct contact with animal/avian feces will be paid double the straight time rate of pay, for the period such work is performed provided they are wearing the required protective gear.
- Section 4.** It shall be the responsibility of the Vessel or Terminal General Foreperson, Forepersons and Leadpersons when available, to insure employees are wearing proper protective gear and to authorize and verify work performed under this provision.
- Section 5.** Dirty work under this Article shall be recognized by the Employer and the Union as work conditions that are more dirty, disagreeable, or unpleasant than normal Eagle Harbor working conditions. It is the intent of the parties to limit dirty work pay to situations that are exceptionally dirty relative to normal facility work. In the event of a dispute over dirty pay, a craft steward, a representative of the Employer, and a WSF safety office representative, when available, shall make the determination of dirty work pay prior to commencing work.

ARTICLE 23

ASBESTOS PREMIUM

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable only to WSF employees who are members of this Agreement and who have been selected by management and from those employees certified by the State of Washington for asbestos work or who are assigned insulation work as defined in paragraph A herein below.

- A. Employees who are actively engaged in asbestos supervision, inspection or abatement work or removal of deteriorated (in place several years) fiberglass or mineral wool insulation, or are actively engaged in installation of friable (actually emitting p Articles) fiberglass or mineral wool insulation, and are physically in contact with the said substances shall, during the time they are so engaged, receive a premium payment of twenty percent (20%) per hour in addition to their regular wage rate. The premium pay shall apply to removal of protective barriers, but shall not apply during initial set up and preparation for the work, nor during the time required to put on and remove protective clothing, nor for any equipment removal and clean-up time.
- B. The aforesaid premium payment will not be made in addition to any premium paid pursuant to the provision of [Article 22](#), Dirty Work, of the current labor agreement between the parties hereto.
- C. Employees who are required to wear special protective clothing furnished by WSF while performing the work described in paragraph A herein above shall be allowed to dress in such clothing on WSF time and shall be allowed reasonable time to decontaminate themselves prior to meal breaks and the end of their shifts.

ARTICLE 24
JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES

The Union agrees that in the event any jurisdictional dispute shall arise with respect to the jurisdiction of work on any classification of employment, whether or not included in the Appendix attached hereto, such dispute shall be settled by the affected local Unions. During the period of dispute, there will be no stoppage of work and work will continue as previously assigned. If the Unions are not able to resolve a jurisdictional dispute within ten (10) working days, the Employer may assign the work in dispute as it deems appropriate until the Unions reach an agreement. Such action will not be subject to the grievance procedure.

Any letters or MOUs between the Union crafts are not subject to this Article.

ARTICLE 25
PASSES - MEALS

A. Passes

Section 1. Employees shall be issued annual passes authorizing free passage for such employee, the spouse, and dependents, as well as for such employee's or spouse's motor vehicle and recreation vehicle, including a trailer, on all vessels of the Employer.

Section 2. Employees leaving the service of the Employer shall immediately surrender to the Employer any passes which have been issued pursuant to this Article.

Section 3. Employees of the Washington State Ferry System who are retired under the provisions of the State of Washington Public Employees Retirement System or who become totally and permanently disabled shall be issued annual passes authorizing free passage for such employee, the spouse, and dependents, as well as for such employee's or spouse's motor vehicle and recreation vehicle, including a trailer, on all vessels of the Employer.

Section 4. No passes of any kind shall be used for the purpose of commuting to or from employment other than employment with the WSF. Vehicle passes shall be used only on a space available basis and shall not be used between Anacortes and Sidney from June 15 to September 10. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as applying to any employee engaged in traveling to or from work with the Employer.

Section 5. Vehicle ferry passes are intended to be used for vehicles that the employee and/or spouse have registered, leased or rented. The vehicle registration or lease/rental agreement shall be required to be shown when using passes, if requested.

Vehicle passes will not be used to evade a ferry fare. A vehicle not registered, leased or rented by an employee and/or spouse shall be subject to verification by

terminal staff. Any pass holder, who is uncooperative in the verification process, shall be subject to WSF code of conduct.

Section 6. Any employee, employee's spouse or the employee's dependent(s) who knowingly violates WSF Pass Use Policies will be subject to a three (3) month suspension of all pass privileges for a first offense, a one (1) year suspension of all pass privileges for a second offense and permanent revocation of all pass privileges for a third offense. The Employer shall publish and provide to the employees and the Union a copy of the rules, regulations and policies concerning pass usage.

B. Meals

Section 1. The charge for meals purchased and eaten on board the vessels of the Employer by employees of WSF represented by the Union, who are on duty or going to and from duty, shall be at one-half (½) the normal retail price of such meals, rounded upward to the nearest cent (\$0.01).

Section 2. Employees purchasing meals at a discount shall be required to sign sales slips at the completion of service.

ARTICLE 26

TOOLS

Section 1. The Employer shall furnish all required tools to employees in the classifications listed in Appendix A of this Agreement. If the Employer fails to furnish tools required by the Employer, then the Employer shall pay any employee assigned to use such tools twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per hour worked until tools are furnished.

Section 2. Employees who are furnished tools shall use reasonable care in the use of tools and return these to the custody of the Employer when no longer used. Employees shall have sufficient time at the end of each shift to put away tools on the Employer's time. Determination of sufficient time shall be at the Employer's discretion.

Section 3. Each employee who receives a tool allowance will prepare an inventory of their tools and provide a copy of the inventory to Eagle Harbor management. Eagle Harbor management will certify that the inventory is accurate and complete. When completed and verified, the inventory list will be used by the Employer to authorize the replacement of lost, stolen, or broken tools. Claims for replacement tools will be processed in accordance with the established WSF and Eagle Harbor claims process and procedures.

ARTICLE 27
SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any Article of this Agreement or any addenda thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any Article should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and addenda shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement of such Article.

ARTICLE 28
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Subject only to the limitations expressly stated in this Agreement, the Union recognizes that the Employer retains the exclusive right to manage its business, including but not limited to the right to determine the methods and means by which its operations are to be carried on, to direct the work force, to determine the Employer's budget and size of the agency's workforce, and to conduct its operations in a safe and effective manner.

The agreement expressed herein in writing constitutes the complete and entire agreement between the parties and no oral agreement or statement shall add to or supersede any of its provisions.

ARTICLE 29
ADDITIONAL WAGE STIPEND

In addition to the straight-time hourly rates of pay listed in Appendix A, the Employer will pay a total of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month as an additional wage payment to each employee covered by this Agreement working sufficient hours to qualify for participation in the State of Washington Public Employees Retirement System.

ARTICLE 30
HEALTH CARE BENEFITS AMOUNTS

*This [MOU](#) is included as an attachment in this article.

- 30.1** A. For the 2023-2025 biennium, the Employer Medical Contribution (EMC) will be an amount equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the monthly premium for the self-insured Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) Classic for each bargaining unit employee eligible for insurance each month, as determined by the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB). In no instance will the employee contribution be less than two percent (2%) of the EMC per month.
- B. The point-of-service costs of the Classic Uniform Medical Plan (deductible, out-of-pocket maximums and co-insurance/co-payment) may not be changed for the purpose of shifting health care costs to plan participants, but may be changed from the 2014 plan under two (2) circumstances:

1. In ways to support value-based benefits designs; and
2. To comply with or manage the impacts of federal mandates.

Value-based benefits designs will:

1. Be designed to achieve higher quality, lower aggregate health care services cost (as opposed to plan costs);
 2. Use clinical evidence; and
 3. Be the decision of the PEBB.
- C. Article 30.1 (B) will expire June 30, 2025.
- 30.2** A. The Employer will pay the entire premium costs for each bargaining unit employee for dental, basic life, and any offered basic long-term disability insurance coverage. If changes to the long-term disability benefit structure occur during the life of this Agreement, the Employer recognizes its obligation to bargain with the Coalition over impacts of those changes within the scope of bargaining.
- B. If the PEBB authorizes stand-alone vision insurance coverage, then the Employer will pay the entire premium costs for each bargaining unit employee.

30.3 Wellness

- A. To support the statewide goal for a healthy and productive workforce, employees are encouraged to participate in a Well-Being Assessment survey. Employees will be granted work time and may use a state computer to complete the survey.
- B. The Coalition of Unions agrees to partner with the Employer to educate their members on the wellness program and encourage participation. Eligible, enrolled subscribers shall have the option to earn an annual one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) or more wellness incentive in the form of reduction in deductible or deposit into the Health Savings Account upon successful completion of required Smart Health Program activities. During the term of this Agreement, the Steering Committee created by Executive Order 13-06 shall make recommendations to the PEBB regarding changes to the wellness incentive or the elements of the Smart Health Program.

30.4 The PEBB Program shall provide information on the Employer Sponsored Insurance Premium Payment Program on its website and in an open enrollment publication annually.

30.5 Medical Flexible Spending Arrangement

- A. During January 2024 and again in January 2025, the Employer will make available two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in a medical flexible spending arrangement (FSA) account for each bargaining unit member represented by a Union in the Coalition described in [RCW 41.80.020\(3\)](#), who meets the criteria in Subsection 30.5 B below.
- B. In accordance with IRS regulations and guidance, the Employer FSA funds will be made available for a Coalition bargaining unit employee who:
 - 1. Is occupying a position that has an annual full-time equivalent base salary of sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000), or less on November 1 of the year prior to the year the Employer FSA funds are being made available; and
 - 2. Meets PEBB program eligibility requirements to receive the Employer contribution for PEBB medical benefits on January 1 of the plan year in which the Employer FSA funds are made available, is not enrolled in a high-deductible health plan, and does not waive enrollment in a PEBB medical plan except to be covered as a dependent on another PEBB non-high deductible health plan.
 - 3. Hourly employees' annual base salary shall be the base hourly rate multiplied by two thousand eighty-eight (2,088).
 - 4. Base salary excludes overtime, shift differential and all other premiums or payments.
- C. A medical FSA will be established for all employees eligible under this Section who do not otherwise have one. An employee who is eligible for Employer FSA funds may decline this benefit but cannot receive cash in lieu of this benefit.
- D. The provisions of the State's salary reduction plan will apply. In the event that a federal tax that takes into account contributions to an FSA is imposed on PEBB health plans, this provision will automatically terminate. The parties agree to meet and negotiate over the termination of this benefit.

ARTICLE 31 NON-DISCRIMINATION

- Section 1.** The Employer and the Union are mutually committed to discourage discrimination in any and all forms. To this end, the parties agree that they will not engage in any practice, or pursue any policy, which results in coercion, discrimination, or harassment because of race, creed, sex, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, color, national origin, marital or veterans' status, military status, status as an honorably discharged veteran, disabled veteran, Vietnam era veteran, genetic information, political affiliation, marital status, any real or perceived sensory, mental or physical disability, political affiliation, or the presence of a sensory, mental, or physical disability, status as a victim of domestic

violence, sexual assault or stalking, citizenship or immigration status, or because of participation or lack of participation in Union activities.

The Employer agrees to provide appropriate training, and the Union agrees to support and encourage participation in training to positively accept the cultural diversity that exists in the workplace and to understand, as well as prevent, all forms of discrimination and harassment.

Section 2. The parties agree that unlawful forms of harassment of any nature are strictly prohibited. Processing of harassment complaints shall be in accordance with applicable Department of Transportation (DOT) policies and procedures.

Section 3. The parties to this Agreement agree that acts of discrimination and harassment are intolerable and shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

ARTICLE 32 ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITIES

Section 1. WSF will at all times comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and [RCW 49.60](#) et seq. and DOT Policies regarding reasonable accommodation, as those statutes and policies apply to WSF Operations. In a case where an employee has a disability, as defined by ADA or comparable state statute, WSF shall consider a reasonable accommodation that allows an employee to perform the essential job functions of the classification for which they are otherwise qualified.

Section 2. In the event the employee cannot perform the essential job functions of the current classification as determined by WSF, WSF shall consider other open classification positions within WSF which the employee would be qualified to perform. WSF shall consider the employee for transfer to such open positions.

Section 3. Employees so transferred to another job classification shall perform the essential job functions of the new classification and shall be paid the compensation provided by the new job classification. In no event does WSF guarantee that an employee will be accommodated by a job transfer.

ARTICLE 33 TIME, LEAVE, AND ATTENDANCE

All employees will accurately report time worked, leave taken and other attendance requirements in accordance with a time reporting process and system(s) as determined by the Employer.

ARTICLE 34 DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The Union and the Employer agree that it is in the best interest of all parties to resolve disputes at the earliest opportunity and at the lowest level.

Section 2. The Employer shall not discharge or otherwise discipline any employee without just cause. The first step in discipline will be based on the egregiousness of the violation(s) as determined by management.

ARTICLE 35
EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Except where otherwise provided, this Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2023, and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2025, and shall be considered as renewed from year to year thereafter between the parties, unless either party shall give written notice to the other of its desire to amend or to terminate the same. Such notice is to be given at least sixty (60) days prior to June 30, 2025, or sixty (60) days prior to June 30 of any subsequent calendar year.

APPENDIX A
STRAIGHT TIME HOURLY WAGE RATES

Effective July 1, 2023, the wage rates for each classification represented by the Union shall include a five percent (5.0%) increase. The wage rates shall be as follows and will remain in effect through June 30, 2024.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective 7-1-2023</u>
Journeyman (all crafts)	\$35.88
Leadperson (5% over Journeyman)	\$37.67
Foreperson (10% over Journeyman)	\$39.47
Health & Safety Supervisor (10% over Journeyman)	\$39.47
Planner (10% over Journeyman)	\$39.47
Vessel General Foreperson (12% over Journeyman)	\$40.18
Terminal General Foreperson (12% over Journeyman)	\$40.18
Helper – starting rate: 65% of Journeyman rate	\$23.32

Effective July 1, 2024, the wage rates for each classification represented by the Union shall include a five percent (5.0%) increase. The wage rates shall be as follows and will remain in effect through June 30, 2025.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective 7-1-2024</u>
Journeyman (all crafts)	\$37.67
Leadperson (5% over Journeyman)	\$39.55
Foreperson (10% over Journeyman)	\$41.44
Health & Safety Supervisor (10% over Journeyman)	\$41.44
Planner (10% over Journeyman)	\$41.44
Vessel General Foreperson (12% over Journeyman)	\$42.19
Terminal General Foreperson (12% over Journeyman)	\$42.19
Helper – starting rate: 65% of Journeyman rate	\$24.49

It is the intent of the parties' signatory hereto to utilize Helpers for unskilled/semi-skilled work. Along this line, a committee shall be formed to define the Helper's intended functions, which shall include assisting Journeyman, and to review any abuse of Helper functions. Such committee will be comprised of two (2) management representatives and

two (2) representatives from the Unions representing employees at the Eagle Harbor facility. Helpers will not be hired to perform Journeyman/Apprentice work.

There may be a ratio of one (1) Helper to every five (5) Journeyman. No Helper shall be upgraded to Journeyman without the mutual consent of management and the Union.

Helpers shall be subject to layoff before Journeymen and Apprentices who are actively employed by the Employer in permanent or temporary positions.

Shipyard Competent persons shall receive a ten percent (10%) per hour premium while performing such duties.

All "hours" referred to herein means hours of work with the Employer in the classification indicated.

Penny Rounding Differences: The Union and the Employer recognize that the statewide payroll system (HRMS) rounds payroll calculations to five (5) decimal places. Therefore, manual calculations using rates in the Collective Bargaining Agreement may result in penny rounding differences. The parties accept these differences and do not require further payroll adjustments that would cause the PNWRCC 2021-23 A-2 employee to pay back penny rounding differences or for the Employer to add penny rounding differences to an employee's pay.

**A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
AND
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS**

COVID-19 One-Time Booster Incentive Lump Sum

One-Time Lump Sum Payment for Providing Proof of up-to-date COVID-19 Vaccination

Employees who provide proof of up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination, to include boosters, will receive a one-time lump sum payment.

- A. Effective July 1, 2023, bargaining unit employees will be eligible to receive a one-time lump sum payment if they meet the following conditions:

Employees who choose to voluntarily provide their employer with proof of up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination, to include any boosters recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) based on their age at the time proof is provided to the employer, between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, shall receive a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) one-time lump sum payment to be paid no earlier than July 25, 2023.

- B. The lump sum payment will be reflected in the employee's paycheck subject to all required state and federal withholdings and be provided as soon as practicable based upon their agency's Human Resources and/or payroll processes.

1. Bargaining unit employees will only receive one lump sum payment regardless, if they occupy more than one position within State government or higher education. Eligibility for the lump sum payment will be:
 - a. Based upon the position in which work was performed on the date the up-to-date status is verified; or
 - b. If no work was performed on the date the up-to-date status is verified, then based on the position from which the employee receives the majority of compensation.
2. Employees will receive the lump sum payment only once during their employment with the State, regardless of whether they hold multiple positions or are employed by multiple agencies between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.

This MOU shall expire December 31, 2023.

For the Employer:

For the Union:

/s/

Jerry Holder
Senior Labor Negotiator
SHR/OFM

/s/

Jesse Scott-Kandoll
Contractor Administrator
PNWRCC

**B. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
AND
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS**

Data Sharing Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between Washington State (Employer), the Washington State Office of Financial Management, State Human Resources, Labor Relations Section, and the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters (Union) is entered into for the purposes of obtaining a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) with the Union which ensures that OFM confidential information is provided, protected, and used only for purposes authorized by the Data Sharing Agreement.

DSAs are part of a suite of tools designated to safeguard and protect employee information. DSAs are a best practice when an agency shares category 3 or higher data. Additionally, the Office of the Chief Information Officer outlines in policy #141.10 that when an agency shared category 3 or higher data outside of their agency, an agreement must be in place unless otherwise prescribed by law.

Data shared under the DSA will be in response to information requests, status reports, and voluntary deductions reporting as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement and covers both Category 3 and 4 data, including Personal Information and Confidential Information that OFM may provide.

Category 3 – Confidential Information

Confidential information is information that is specifically protected from either release or disclosure by law. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Personal information as defined in [RCW 42.56.590](#) and [RCW 19.255.010](#).
- b. Information about public employees as defined in [RCW 42.56.250](#).
- c. Lists of individuals for commercial purposes as defined in [RCW 42.56.070](#) (9).
- d. Information about the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunication networks as defined in [RCW 42.56.420](#).

Category 4 – Confidential Information Requiring Special Handling Confidential

Information requiring special handling is information that is specifically protected from disclosure by law and for which:

- a. Especially strict handling requirements are dictated, such as by statutes, regulations, or agreements.
- b. Serious consequences could arise from unauthorized disclosure, such as threats to health and safety, or legal sanctions.

In recognition of the above, the parties agree to the following:

The Employer and the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters strive to ensure that any sharing of personal or confidential information is supported by a written DSA, which will address the following:

- (1) The data that will be shared.
- (2) The specific authority for sharing the data.
- (3) The classification of the data shared.
- (4) Access methods for the shared data.
- (5) Authorized users and operations permitted.
- (6) Protection of the data in transport and at rest.
- (7) Storage and disposal of data no longer required.
- (8) Backup requirements for the data if applicable.
- (9) Other applicable data handling requirements.

The provisions contained in this MOU become effective on July 1, 2023. This MOU shall expire June 30, 2025.

For the Employer:

For the Union:

/s/

/s/

Melanie Schwent
Labor Negotiator
SHR/OFM/Labor Relations

Jesse Scott-Kandoll
Contract Administrator
Pacific Northwest Regional Council
of Carpenters

**C. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
AND
PEBB COALITION OF UNIONS**

Medical Flexible Spending Arrangement Work Group

Since the 2019-2021 PEBB healthcare agreement between the Coalition of Unions and the State of Washington, the parties have agreed to a benefit involving a Medical Flexible Spending Arrangement. Due to unknown reasons, a majority of eligible employees did not use some or all of this benefit.

The parties agree to use the already scheduled quarterly series of meetings between Health Care Authority (HCA), Office of Financial Management (OFM) and Union staff representatives to review data and discuss possible options and solutions to increase represented employees' awareness and utilization of the FSA benefit. The parties will focus their efforts on the following items:

1. Creating an introductory paragraph explaining the FSA benefit for represented employees for use in HCA communications. This communication shall include all the participatory unions' logos and/or names provided by the unions as well as HCA/PEBB branding.
2. Exploring the option of sharing a list of all eligible employees who did not use the two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) benefit for the previous calendar year.
3. Creating a timely and targeted communication for those employees who have not yet accessed their FSA benefit.
4. Reviewing existing communications provided to new employees about the FSA benefit.
5. Assisting the Coalition of Unions with providing information to their members about the FSA benefit.
6. Ensuring that any information shared protects employees' personally identifiable information and protected health information.
7. Exploring options to provide access to this information for non-English speakers, for example, a flyer in multiple languages with notification of these benefits.

This MOU will expire on June 30, 2025.

For the Employer:

For the Healthcare Coalition:

/s/

/s/

Ann Green
Lead Negotiator
SHR/OFM Labor Relations

Jane Hopkins, President
SEIU 1199NW

/s/

Karen Estevenin, Executive Director
PROTEC17

**D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
AND
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS**

LEAVE WITH PAY IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 23-05

On August 19, 2023, Governor Jay Inslee issued emergency Proclamation 23-05 declaring a state of emergency exists in all areas of the state of Washington. All state agencies have been directed to utilize state resources to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event. Because the threat to life and property from existing wildfires is extraordinary and significant and has caused harm to state employees as well as extensive damage to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure, all impacting the life and health of state employees throughout Washington State, the parties enter into this agreement for the purpose of assisting state employees that have been directly impacted by this emergency.

Beginning August 19, 2023, forward the following shall apply:

The employer may temporarily grant up to three (3) days of leave with pay per occurrence to employees who are experiencing extraordinary or severe impacts, such as displacement from their homes temporarily or permanently through evacuation or significant damage or loss. Employers may require verification of the use of leave with pay.

If three (3) days of leave with pay are approved an employee is not required to use the three (3) days of leave with pay consecutively and it does not need to be taken in full day increments.

This MOU will expire when the emergency Proclamation 23-05 has been rescinded or when the emergency rule is rescinded, whichever is first.

Dated August 31, 2023.

For the Employer

For the Union

/s/

/s/

Melanie Schwent, Labor Negotiator
OFM/SHR Labor Relations &
Compensation Policy Section

Jesse Scott-Kandoll, CWA and PLA
Contract Administrator
Southwest Mountain States Carpenters

THE PARTIES, BY THEIR SIGNATURES BELOW, ACCEPT AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

Executed this 1st day of July 2023.

For the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters:

/s/
Jeff Thorson
Director of Contract Administration
PNWRCC

/s/
Jesse Scott-Kandoll
Contract Administrator
PNWRCC

/s/
Anders Black
Business Representative
PNWRCC

For the State of Washington:

/s/
Jay Inslee
Governor

/s/
Gina Comeau, Section Chief
OFM/SHR, Labor Relations &
Compensation Policy Section

/s/
Melanie Schwent, Lead Negotiator
OFM/SHR, Labor Relations &
Compensation Policy Section