



Washington State Ferries “Quick Info” for Filming and Photo Activities

For a fee, production companies may be permitted access to Washington State Ferries (WSF) vessel or terminal facilities as a venue for filming and photo shoot activities. Film/photo activity must be **coordinated in advance with WSF’s Operations department** in order to minimize impacts on WSF’s transportation function and travelling customers as well as provide advance notification to our security partners. Any production representatives or photographers arriving on WSF property without prior authorization from WSF Operations will be denied access to facilities.

Fees are based on size of production and time spent on WSF property and are **payable by check or cash only**. Current ‘Property Use Fee’ rate chart:

Low operational impact (1-5 production crew)	\$200 per hour + \$100 admin fee
Medium impact (6-12 production crew)	\$300 per hour + \$100 admin fee
High impact (13-30 production crew)	\$500 per hour + \$200 admin fee
30+ production crew or vessel charters	Contact WSF to discuss

WSF REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Purpose of the shoot, how film or photographs will be used (i.e., name of movie, television program, ad campaign or other use).
- Specific date(s), route, and sailing times.
- Locations on vessel or terminal where film/photo activity to occur.
- How many sailings (crossings) will it take to accomplish the film/photo activity? (Crossing times vary by route – check WSF website) If film/photo activity takes place at a terminal, how much time is required?
- Names and positions of all personnel involved.
- Amount and nature of equipment.
- Contact phone number for on-location lead representative while on ferry.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- Film/photo activity can be permitted only in publicly accessible spaces (no filming in wheelhouse, engine room, or WSF ‘employee only’ spaces). Film/photo activity is not permitted within the terminal vehicle holding lanes, unless the film crew is accompanied by a WSF representative.
- Film/photo activities on vessels or at terminal facilities must not interrupt WSF’s scheduled ferry service at any time.
- ‘Property Use Fees’ do not include the cost of passenger or vehicle travel aboard the ferry. Production company representatives are responsible for all applicable east bound passenger fares and east/west bound vehicle fares for the duration of the filming activity. Fares can be purchased in advance of the event online on the WSF website, at the terminal ticket booth or terminal electronic ticket kiosk.

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- At least two days prior to the intended activity date, WSF must be provided with the names of all crew, production members and talent involved. Changes in personnel also must be provided a minimum of two days in advance. If vehicles are involved, descriptions (including make, model and license plate information), will be needed.
- Filming/photography of WSF restricted areas and security equipment is strictly prohibited. This includes security cameras, locked doors and security keypads.
- No on-site parking is provided, unless previously arranged with WSF Operations representatives and in that case, only equipment vehicles will be accommodated.
- If your shoot requires an advance tech scout, WSF will want to communicate specifics (who, when, what and where) to its terminal staff or vessel crews prior to your arrival. Contact one of the Operations Managers listed below with details a minimum of 24 hours in advance.

**** Please note - this is only a partial list of rules/requirements.** A full list can be viewed within WSF’s ‘Property Use and Fee Agreement’ and ‘Filming/Photo Shoot Rules and Policies’ documents and can be obtained by calling the WSF Operations Managers listed below. Production representatives are required to complete and return these documents to WSF Operations in order for film/photo activity to be approved.

HOW TO SCHEDULE:

Film/photo production companies should contact WSF Operations Programs Manager Jadwiga Kellock (email: kelloj@wsdot.wa.gov or phone 206-264-3554) to discuss specific plans, security requirements, fees, and make payment arrangements. You may also contact Operations Product Development Manager Tara Mullan (email: decrowt@wsdot.wa.gov or phone 206-515-3828) for initial information.