

# Communicating Agency Risks



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**WSDOT Experience**

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## Considering risk to WSDOT Assets



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## Reporting Performance

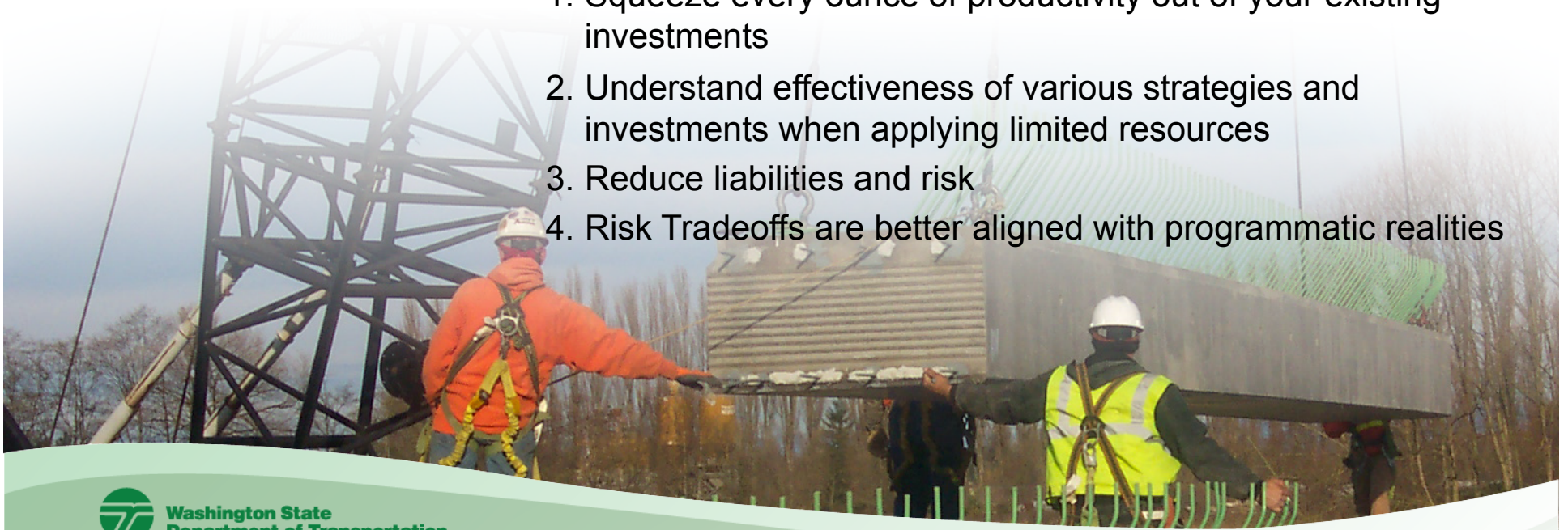
# Risk Management and Performance reporting?

### Ability to tell your story and report on condition and needs

1. Informed media
2. Informed officials and decision makers
3. Informed managers and employees

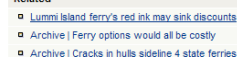
### Allows for better management of the system and enhanced operations

1. Squeeze every ounce of productivity out of your existing investments
2. Understand effectiveness of various strategies and investments when applying limited resources
3. Reduce liabilities and risk
4. Risk Tradeoffs are better aligned with programmatic realities





## Terminal condition; Vessel life-cycle



- ## ➤ Vessel preservation: life-cycle assessment

\* Landing aids Includes wingwalls and dolphins.

# Bridge conditions improve slightly from previous year

**Majority of WSDOT's bridges by deck area are in fair or better condition, meeting performance goals**  
*Number of bridges and percent of bridges by deck area by condition category; Deck area in millions of square feet*

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION

		2010	2014	2015	Trend
<b>GOOD/VERY GOOD<sup>1</sup></b> Bridges in good condition range from those with no problems to those having some minor deterioration of structural elements.	<b>Bridge deck area</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>19.2</b>	↑
	<b>Percent of deck area</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>36.0%</b>	
	<b>Number of bridges<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,628</b>	↑
<b>FAIR<sup>1</sup></b> Primary structural elements are sound; may have minor section loss, deterioration, cracking, spalling or scour. This is the most cost-effective time to rehabilitate before the underlying structure is damaged.	<b>Bridge deck area</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>29.9</b>	↓
	<b>Percent of deck area</b>	<b>60.2%</b>	<b>57.0%</b>	<b>56.1%</b>	
	<b>Number of bridges<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,522</b>	↓
<b>GOOD/VERY GOOD &amp; FAIR TOTALS:</b> Goal = 90% or more deck area in fair or better condition	<b>Bridge deck area</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>49.1</b>	↑
	<b>Percent of deck area</b>	<b>90.4%</b>	<b>91.8%</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	
	<b>Number of bridges<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>3,150</b>	↑
<b>POOR</b> A bridge in poor condition has advanced deficiencies such as section loss, deterioration, scour, or seriously affected structural components, and may have weight restrictions. A bridge in poor condition is still safe for travel.	<b>Bridge deck area</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	↓
	<b>Percent of deck area</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	
	<b>Number of bridges<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>145</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>138</b>	↓

Data source: WSDOT Bridge and Structures Office.

# WSDOT risk assessment matrix helps prioritize ferry vessel preservation

*Based on the likelihood of the system failing combined with the likely consequences of the system's failure*

Percent of life cycle remaining (Probability of failure factor)	Consequence of failure factor				
	Minimal impact: does not affect sailing	Marginal impact: less than 24 hours to repair	Moderate impact: one or more days to repair	Critical impact: one or more weeks to repair	Catastrophic: long-term, unscheduled impacts to sailings during repairs
Beyond life cycle (nearly certain to fail)	Condition Rating 3: System is overdue for replacement				
0% - 9% (likely to fail)	Condition Rating 2: System is approaching the point at which replacement should occur in the				
10% - 24% (failure possible)	Condition Rating 1: System does not currently need replacement				
25% - 49% (unlikely to fail)	Condition Rating 2: System is approaching the point at which replacement should occur in the				
50% - 100% (very unlikely to fail)	Condition Rating 3: System is overdue for replacement				

Data source: WSDOT Ferries.

## More than 91 percent of total value of ferries vessel systems are not currently in need of replacement

*Fiscal year 2015; Percent of total dollar value*

### Condition Rating 1, 50.9%

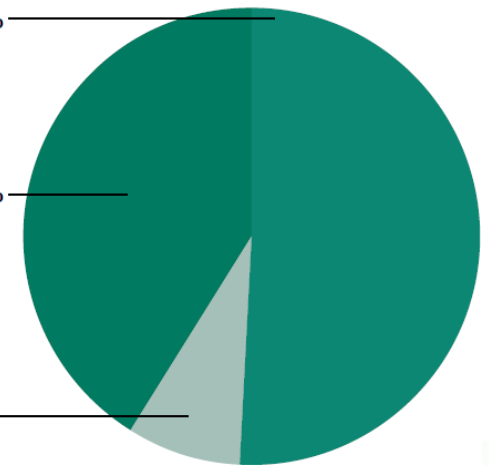
\$539.6 million of system value does not currently need replacement

### Condition Rating 2, 40.7%

\$431.7 million of system value is approaching the point at which replacement should occur in the current or the ensuing biennium

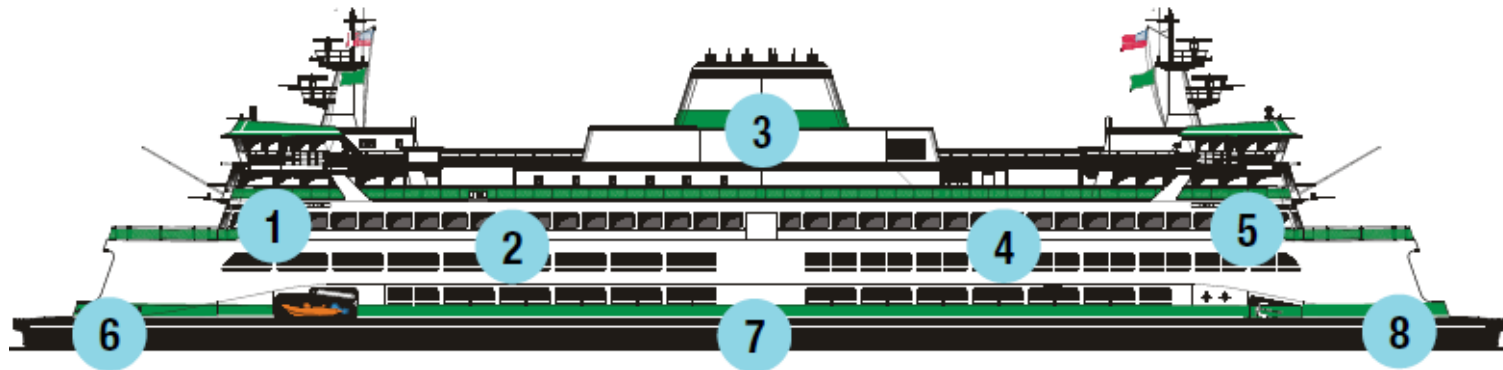
### Condition Rating 3, 8.3%<sup>1</sup>

\$88.3 million of system value is



# Number of WSDOT ferry vessel systems that do not currently need replacement increases 5 percent

*Fiscal years 2014 and 2015; Results by type of vessel system*



	Types of ferry vessel systems	Number of systems	Percent of systems in Condition Ratings <sup>1</sup>		
			1	2	3
1	Communications, navigation, lifesaving systems	656	74%	20%	6%
2	Piping systems	162	39%	41%	20%
3	Structural preservation (paint)	209	64%	34%	2%
4	Passenger and crew spaces	71	55%	45%	0%
5	Security systems	109	77%	23%	0%
6	Steel structures	186	65%	34%	2%
7	Mechanical/electrical systems	345	52%	39%	9%
8	Propulsion systems	297	13%	66%	21%
<b>Total/average FY2015</b>		<b>2,035</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total/average FY2014</b>		<b>1,867</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>9%</b>

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