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We are asking for a return of many "VOLUNTEERS" for a two year citizens Petition Drive and weekly Pre-Ship yard Cleanup events at the Kalakala starting Saturday November 22, 2008 and every Saturday thereafter from Noon to 4PM!!! Please bring yourself, tools, talents, and help us save the Kalakala.

We must stated today, that Steve Rodrigues has offered to donate the 1935 MV Kalakala to Governor Gregoire. She has not yet responded. But, we must continue to ask for the opportunity to purchase at least one of the old 1927 Steel Electrics ships that she has retired and are no longer in service after 80 years. These vessels are in good shape and can provide 1000's of tons of good steel to be reused onto the Kalakala. We continue to have hope that she will stop, and if not, our citizens petition drive will provide our story. Steve Rodrigues will give her the original Steering Wheel to guide the ship along with all 4 steel electrics to their final destiny in Mexico to disappear and be cut up as salvage. Our citizens petition drive will continue regardless for the next two years. The Foundation has requested a meeting with the Governor but no replays to date have ever been acknowledged.

The Kalakala has never suffered from lack of efforts towards her preservation or restoration planning. But, for the past 10 years she has floated her on waters called home. Now, after the renewed efforts and especially since September 2004 and her arrival into the "City of Destiny", Tacoma, the 1935 MV Kalakala has been at rest, peace, and on the way to physical recovery! We have not changed her physical perceptions of recovery that were painted within her soul with many past negative media events. But, we have given the spirit of the truth and a worthy future Kalakala project that will save our true history and preserve the Kalakala as "a ship of a thousand years" and once again she will return to be seen by millions of citizens as our World's First Streamline Ferry".

Progresses:

- 1)2004-2006 plans within the August 2, 2006 3PM Press Release are on track.
- 2)January 2005-January 2006 MV Kalakala registrations for both the National and State Landmarks registers completed.
- 3)January 2004-2008 Designs and master plans for three Puget Sound cities completed with waterfront lands creating private-public partnerships(99 year dock or tide lands lease from public).
- 4)September 2004-July 2007 a State DOE Best Management Practices interior cleanup work permit was received after over 2.5 years of trying(on the water where she is in Hylebos Creek Waterway).
- 5)To-date the State continues to not permit any exterior works
- 6)Cleanup works are ongoing for pre-shipyard sandblasting and painting preparation works. This work is where we need current volunteers to help us. Such activities include; storm weather deck and window coverings, sweeping decks, removing old wooden window coverings, rusting steel, old lead

electrical cabling, old water and electrical conduits, and other mechanical piping debris can all be accomplished before going to the ship yard in summer 2009!

7)2005-2008 public testimonies ongoing within local, regional, and State governments. In the past the Foundation has testified and submitted testimonies towards planning and potential available public grant funding assistance. Many requests were denied or not even responded to from such political committees as: Washington State Ferries(WSF), Washington State Ferries Coleman Dock Adhoc Committee, Washington State Transportation Committee, and 2008 public testimonies within every community that followed the journeys of the new WSF executive director David Moseley within all of Puget Sound.

8)November 2008 citizen's Petition started and will end December 2010. It is our hopes to get over 100,000 citizens signatures on this Petition. After, we will write new 2011 legislative law towards becoming a part of our State Constitution that will stop our State officials from continued management practices that have oppressed, deceived our citizens, and losing our physical evidences that were the cornerstone of our States' maritime ferry system.