

Applicant Name: Backcountry Travels LLC	Application Docket No.: TS-180677
THE APPLICATION What authority are you applying for? Include any amendments. <u>A daily, year round commercial ferry service on Lake Chelan based out of Stehekin WA. The vessel that will be used is a quiet, comfortable and efficient thirty two passenger catamaran. The vessel would leave Stehekin at 10:40am daily and return at 1pm, arriving back in Stehekin at 2:45pm.</u>	

SUPPORT STATEMENT	
(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)	
THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. <u>I often bring friends with me to Stehekin who must drive 3 to 6 hours to and from Chelan to catch the boat. The alternate hours on this application would allow my group to drive to Chelan, catch the boat & arrive in Stehekin the same day. They would have a lot more time to spend in</u>	
Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If not, explain problems you have experienced. <u>It sure would help if there were more boat service options. That would certainly optimize time spent at either end of the lake for tourists, backpackers, and the locals of Stehekin.</u>	
If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ___ If yes, please explain. <u>I would like to have options that more comfortably fit my personal schedule. I am more likely to spend more time in Stehekin and travel there more often if the boat schedule had more options.</u>	

VERIFICATION	
(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)	
Name and Title:	<u>Chris Bigelow (Retired)</u>
Business/Organization:	_____
Street/Mailing Address:	<u>219 East Allen Ave, Chelan, WA 98816</u>
City, State, Zip Code:	<u>Chelan WA 98816</u>
Telephone Number:	<u>509.433-1866</u> Fax Number: _____
<i>I understand that this information is being given as the basis for a grant of operating authority by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, an agency of the state of Washington. I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information contained in this statement is true and correct.</i>	
<u>Christine A. Bigelow</u> PRINT NAME	<u>Christine A. Bigelow</u> SIGNATURE
	<u>Sept. 1, 2018</u> DATE

Stehekin which is what they want. Otherwise they have to spend a night in Chelan and spend another 1/2 day of travel on the boat to get to the head of the lake.

APPLICANT STATEMENT

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#1

THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted.

WE NEED TRANSPORTATION UPLAKE THAT LEAVES CHELAN AFTER NOON. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO RELY ON TRANSPORTATION DOWNLAKE THAT RETURNS US TO CHELAN EARLY ENOUGH TO DRIVE HOME THE SAME DAY!

#2

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced. PRIVATE BOAT TROUBLE IN STEHEKIN ON A SUNDAY WHEN THE LADY EXPRESS WAS FULL SO WE COULD NOT GET DOWNLAKE ON TIME. BOTH LADIES LEAVE ^{CHELAN} SO EARLY WE MUST DRIVE ALL NIGHT OR GET AN EXPENSIVE HOTEL ROOM. THIS JUNE WE HAD TO FORFIET A NIGHT. → *

#3

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes X No ___ If yes, please explain.

SAME PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN #2 (Financial, Planning Ahead, Unexpected Overnight Stays, etc)

We have had to shorten or forgo reservations in Stehekin due to current BOATS FULL.

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: SHARON N BENNETT

Business/Organization: _____

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City, State, Zip Code: RICHLAND, WA 99352

Telephone Number: 509-943-1461 Fax Number: _____

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SHARON N BENNETT
PRINT NAME

Sharon N Bennett
SIGNATURE

9-6-2018
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#2 - HOW TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ARE NOT BEING MET:

I & II

→ ... OF OUR RESERVATION IN STEHEKIN BECAUSE BOTH LADIES HAD ALREADY LEFT BEFORE 9AM WHEN WE FOUND OUT THE LAKE WAS TOO ROUGH FOR THE PRIVATE BOAT WE HAD ACCESS TO. WE HAD TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE CHELAN AREA AND TAKE THE BOAT THE NEXT DAY. WE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE A WINTER VACATION IN STEHEKIN BUT THE LIMITED BOAT SERVICE WAS SUCH THAT IT NEVER WORKED OUT. A DAILY BOAT SERVICE WOULD MAKE THAT WINTER VACATION POSSIBLE.

ALL OF THE INCIDENCES MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION OCCURRED IN JUNE & JULY OF 2018. HOWEVER, THESE TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUES HAVE BEEN ONGOING OVER THE YEARS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT A STEHEKIN BASED BOAT WITH THE TIMES LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL.