

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re Application of

BACKCOUNTRY TRAVELS LLC

For a Certificate of Public Convenience and  
Necessity to Operate Vessels in Furnishing  
Passenger Ferry Service

DOCKET TS-180677

DECLARATION OF MIKE  
YOUNG

- 1 I, Mike Young, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declare  
as follows:
- 2 I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of  
Washington, and competent to be a witness.
- 3 I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission)  
as the Assistant Director for Water and Transportation. I have been employed in this  
position at Lacey for four months. Prior to that I was the Section Manager for Water and  
Transportation for five years. As an Assistant Director, my responsibilities include  
regulatory oversight, consisting of rate regulation and entry into the market of commercial  
passenger ferry service in the state of Washington.
- 4 After an adjudication held in Docket TS-180677, the Commission issued to Backcountry  
Travels, LLC, (Company) certificate BC068772, allowing it to operate commercial ferry  
passenger service on Lake Chelan.
- 5 The company commenced operations in May 2019.
- 6 In March 2020, the Company notified the Commission that its boat was out of service and in  
need of repairs. The Company subsequently suspended operations due to the extensive  
repairs required, and the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on ferry operations.
- 7 On May 15, 2021, the Company notified the Commission that its boat had been repaired and  
it would resume operations June 11, 2021.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 16th day of June 2021.

/s/ Mike Young  
MIKE YOUNG