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DATE: February 4, 2022

TO: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and
Fiscal Research

FROM: NCDOT Ferry Division

SUBJECT: February NCDOT Passenger Ferry Construction Status Report

Statutory Reference Information:

- SL2021 – 180
- § 136-82. Department of Transportation to establish and maintain ferries
- Section 41.15B
- Beginning February 1, 2022, the Ferry Division shall submit a monthly report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of the passenger ferry being constructed until completion

The NCDOT Ferry Division passenger ferry is currently at the Cherry Branch ferry terminal with the builder continuing work that needs to be completed for the issuance of the Certificate of Documentation (COD). The COD is required in order for the U.S. Coast Guard to complete inspections and testing for the issuance of the Certificate of Inspection (COI). The COI is required before the vessel can carry passengers.

The fixed fire system drawings have not been submitted by the builder to the USCG. On January 7, 2022, USCG informed the NCDOT Ferry Division via e-mail that the drawings and the required tonnage documents have not been provided to the USCG by the builder. The USCG inspection for the COI is unable to move forward without these documents. The NCDOT Ferry Division has asked the builder on four occasions (January 5, 6, 21, 31) for the drawings but has not received them.

NCDOT Ferry Division and legal team have met with the builder's surety and legal team to discuss a final resolution and is awaiting further information from the surety at this time.