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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Transfer Station Closures on County Holidays

Mason County's solid waste transfer facilities at Shelton, Belfair, Union, and Hoodsport will be closed this coming Monday January 17th, in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. This closure differs from past years in that these facilities were closed only on the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

The change is being introduced to provide alignment of transfer station closures with the "recognized" County holidays, and will reduce annual operating costs for the facilities.

The proposed change for the holiday closure will be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners following the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday for possible changes for the remainder of 2005 and in the future.

All facilities will be posted to announce the upcoming holiday closure. Questions regarding transfer station hours of operation can be directed to the Shelton Solid Waste Transfer facility at (360) 427-5271. Questions regarding this change for holiday closures can be directed to Doug Micheau, Director of Parks, Utilities, and Waste Management at (360) 427-9670 extension 270.

Mason County wishes to thank the citizens and businesses for their cooperation in making this change to improve the efficiency of services in the Waste Management Division.

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