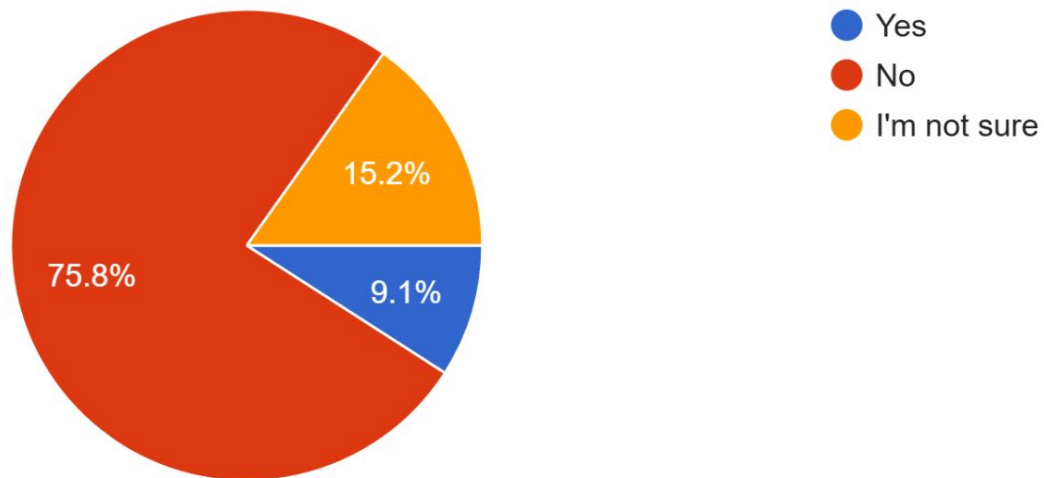


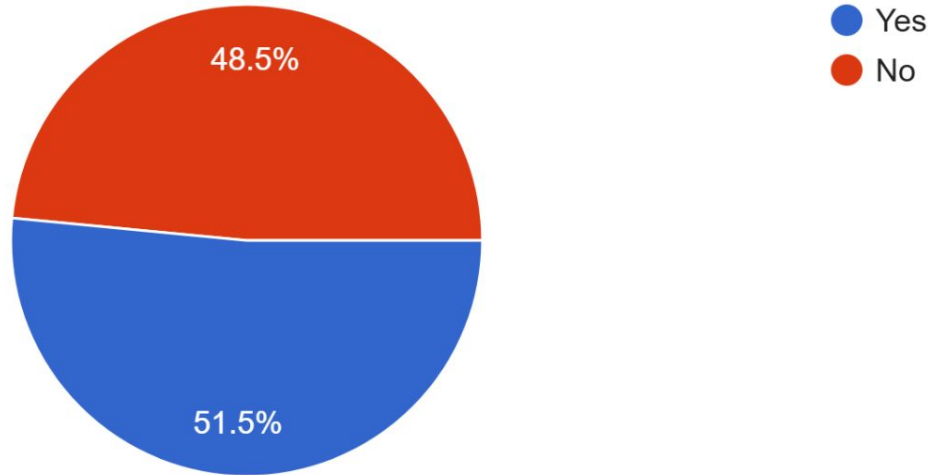
Do you support the departments potential plan to sleep the boats on the mainland (if they made no other changes to support current crew members)?

33 responses



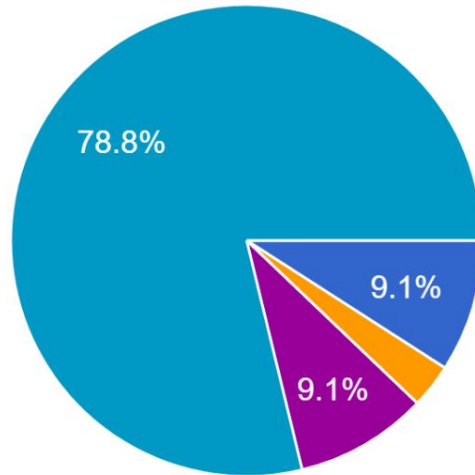
Would you be able to keep your current job if the boat moved to the mainland?

33 responses



Do you live permanently on one of the islands?

33 responses



- Vinalhaven
- North Haven
- Swans Island
- Frenchboro
- Islesboro
- No, my full time residence is on the mainland

Some thoughts from state employees of the MSFS:

Crew living on the islands would need housing on the mainland in order to work on the ferries. And the ferry would not be available to make emergency medical trip at night from the islands.

I feel we would lose employees who live longer distances from work... I also feel we would lose the connection with the islanders that most of us have.

The mainland boat is the hardest to find relief crews for. I feel this move would compound the crewing difficulty.

...this change would not only impact the students but the parents going to work on the mainland and any other island residents.

I would need to commute daily to any of the boats from at least 45 minutes away on the mainland.

I would remain living on the island and would need crew housing on the mainland. I could only keep the job if housing was provided on the mainland during my work weeks

"the majority of the island based employees live too far away to continue working and there are not enough mariners located close to mainland based ferry's or they would already work for us"

What about Islanders who work and go to school on the mainland, how will that work?

If me and my whole crew live an hour + away from the boat how do we keep watch on it during bad weather?

I would look for another job.