

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM
Office of the General Manager

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August 16, 2022

Dear Community Leaders and Members of the Public Interested in AMHS:

It is time to begin the public review process for the next Alaska Marine Highway System scheduling cycle. The proposed schedule patterns to be reviewed cover the winter schedule from October 01, 2022 through April 30, 2023.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY23. The operating plan has been designed to meet community service needs while staying within available funding levels, and maintaining regulatory and safety standards for the vessels.

Please take the time to review and comment on this proposed operating schedule and vessel deployment for winter 2022-2023.

AMHS is also interested in knowing about any need for special events scheduling and requests and that organizers or communities give the event name, dates, location, and arrival/departure times needed for each special event.

Please provide your written comments by August 26, 2022 to https://publicinput.com/G6532, by email at 71585@PublicInput.com, and by fax at 907-228-6873.

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If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please contact the AMHS Business Development Manager, Matt McLaren, at (907) 228-7274.

Sincerely,

Captain John F. Falvey, Jr.

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General Manager Alaska Marine Highway

ENCLOSURES:

FY 2022-2023 Winter Operating Plan Calendars of Events

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FY 2022-2023 Vessel Deployment Plan

DISTRIBUTION:

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Operating Plan

Winter 2022 - 2023

	OCT NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	Ope Wee
Oct1 BEL	-X-Gulf BEL-YPR Nov 14 OH					Apr 20 BEL-X-Gulf	7.6
COL Oct 1 LL	Nov 14 BEL						24.0
LEC Oct 1	NP		Jan 4 OH * Suppleme	ental service	Mar 1 NP		22.0
TAZ Oct 1 LL	J		Jan 4 NP Pending Cre	W	Mar 1 OH		7.6
AUR Oct 10	Н	Dec 1 PWS					21.3
TUS Oct 1 S	N		Jan 6 OH		Mar 1 SW		22.2
LIT Oct 1 AM	IB Service						30.1
MAT Oct 1 O	1						0.0
HUB Oct 1 C	rew Quarters CIP - Supply chain delay						0.0
On Line	ANB: Annette Bay / Metlakatla Service	BEL: Be	BEL: Bellingham to Skagway		2021-2022	Winter 2022-2023	
Overhaul (OH)	BEL - X - Gulf: Bellingham Cross Gulf Sout	hwest NP: No	orthern Panhandle Dayboat	Mainline Ve	sels 28.3	Mainline Vessels	31.6
Layup (LU)	BEL - YPR: Bellingham Prince Rupert alter	nating PWS: P	Prince William Sound	Feeder Vesse	ls 54.9	Feeder Vessels	59.7
Maintenance	SW: Southwest			Southwest V	essels 31.8	Southwest Vessels	43.5
	Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.				ng Weeks 115.0	Total Operating Weeks	134.8

2022-2023 F/W/S SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY EVENTS

rev 7-22-22

OCTOBER

ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention

Octoberfest Celebration

Alaska Day Celebration SIT

Annual Bridge Club Tournament

Region V Honor Festival Region V Swim/Dive

NOVEMBER

All Native BB

Bald Eagle Festival HNS Nov 11-14 Whale Fest SIT Nov 3-6

Volleyball 2A Volleyball 3A/ Volleyball 4A

DECEMBER

Victorian Yuletide Celebration SGY

Wrestling 1A 2A/3A/4A

Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic KTN

JANUARY

Legislature Reconvenes JNU
Alcan 200 Snowmachine Race HNS
Edgecumbe Invitational SIT

FEBRUARY

Dick Hotch Basketball Tourney
Sitka Jazz Fest
SIT

1A Basketball Tourney

All Native BB YPR

<u>MARCH</u>

2A/3A/4A Basketball Tourney JNU Mar 8-12

Buckwheat Ski Classic SGY
Gold Medal Basketball Tourney JNU

Spring Break Smithers YPR

APRIL

Alaska State Folk Festival JNU Apr 10-16 High School Music Festival KTN Apr-13-15

Stikine River Birding Festival WRG

Art Festival

Legislature session ends JNU

Please review the above Community Calendar of Events and comment on any events that are missed for your community. Schedule patterns may be changed if warranted to be able to provide service to/from the events.

2022-2023 F/W/S SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Valdez Museum Road House Dinnner	VDZ
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Auction	HOM

NOVEMBER

Sobriety Celebration CDV

DECEMBER

Nutcracker Faire HOM

JANUARY

Legislature Reconvenes JNU Iceworm Festival CDV

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

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Alaska Highway System Winter 2022-23 Vessel Deployment Plan August 10, 2022

<u>Vessel Deployment – Winter 2022-2023</u>

- Kennicott will sail Bellingham route October, enter overhaul November through April.
- Columbia will sail the Bellingham route November through April.
- Matanuska be in overhaul October to mid-April.
- Lituya will sail between Annette Bay and Ketchikan
- LeConte will sail Northern Panhandle October to early January, will enter overhaul and pick up the Northern Panhandle route in March.
- Tustumena will sail the Southwest route October to early January, entering overhaul until the end of February, resuming SW service in March.
- Aurora will be in overhaul October-November and will then sail PWS December to April.

Service Gaps

Southwest Jan 06 to Feb 28
 Northern Panhandle Jan 04 to Mar 01
 PWS Oct 01 to Nov 30