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The Alaska Marine Highway is a state-owned ferry system that operates a fleet of 11 vessels along a scenic 3,500-mile route from Washington State to the Aleutian Islands. It provides economical, year-round transportation to 35 port communities and a unique option for travelers.

Originally designed to provide transportation to roadless areas of Alaska, the Marine Highway offers locals and visitors the ability to travel together through some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world. In fact, the Marine Highway encompasses a route so spectacular it has been designated an All-American Road and one of America's National Scenic Byways.

The Marine Highway is ideal for independent travelers who want to choose their own destinations and how they'll get there. The fleet includes 11 ships in a variety of sizes, some able to carry as many as 500 passengers and 100 vehicles. Riders can walk on board or bring a car, truck, motorcycle or other means of transport, such as kayaks and bicycles. Passengers can book a cabin or, as a less-expensive alternative, pitch a tent and camp out under the stars.

From the deck of the ships riders can enjoy the view of vivid blue glaciers, snow-capped mountains, active volcanoes, majestic fjords and lush green forests. Passengers will also find ample opportunities to view wildlife such as porpoise, bald eagles, sea otters, whales and perhaps even bears along the coastline.

The Alaska Marine Highway provides a unique and unforgettable way to experience Alaska.

- Inexpensive
- Off the beaten path
- Casual and laid-back
- The way many Alaskans travel
- An excellent way to access hiking, fishing and sightseeing

To find current events on the Alaska Marine Highway, sign up for Sea News at [FerryAlaska.com](http://FerryAlaska.com) or visit us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/AlaskaMarineHighway](https://Facebook.com/AlaskaMarineHighway).

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great way to  
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wildlife, highly  
recommend!"***

**- Sarah O. via Facebook**



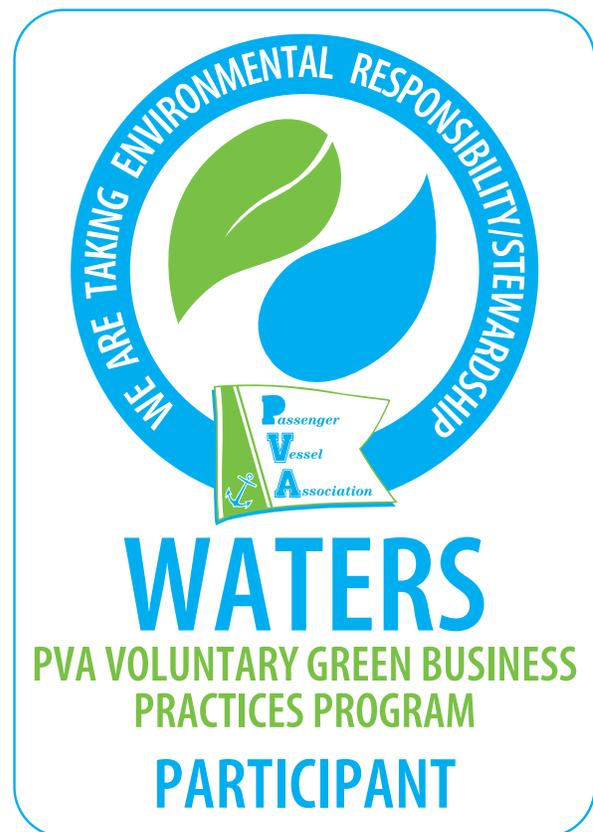
# ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY JOINS THE GREEN WATERS PROGRAM

The Alaska Marine Highway is committed to protecting the environment while providing safe, reliable and efficient transportation to our coastal communities. Our commitment is incorporated throughout the system – on our vessels and ashore in our offices and terminals.

We are minimizing the ferry system's impact on the environment and have taken the next step by joining the Green WATERS Program, a voluntary system designed to help passenger vessel operators reduce waste and emissions. The national Passenger Vessel Association has granted certification of all 11 AMHS vessels into its PVA Waters program. The Green WATERS Program offers a checklist to determine what is already being done and provides "Green" ideas for improvements.

Additionally, we are investing in new vessels, upgrading our fleet and improving our terminals on a regular basis, as well as implementing programs to strengthen our commitment to the environment, including:

- Implementing the Ship to Shore Environmental Guide, which gives crews one set of rules to follow across the board, in all departments, from engineering to operation
- Fueling with ultra-low sulfur diesel to reduce air emissions
- The use of environmentally acceptable lubricants on vessels where there are interfaces with water
- Implementing a new program to streamline hazardous waste and materials processing
- Using online reservations, email and direct deposit to reduce paper waste
- Recycling plastic and paper products



*"I've always enjoyed the outdoors – Alaska definitely provides that and I want to keep it that way."*

- Rachel Teel  
AMHS Environmental Specialist





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