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**AMHS to assist IFA with temporary ferry service between Ketchikan and Hollis
*M/V Lituya sailings to begin October 8***

(KETCHIKAN, Alaska) – The Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) has scheduled the *M/V Lituya* to provide temporary service between Ketchikan and Hollis on Prince of Wales (POW) Island. On September 30, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority's (IFA) *M/V Stikine* suffered a propulsion system failure, and the incident has left POW Island with limited options for travel and commerce. The IFA anticipates returning their vessel to service November 1.

"We understand how important the ferry link is for Ketchikan and POW residents," said Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Commissioner John MacKinnon. "I'm happy the *Lituya* is available to provide some relief until the IFA's ship returns to service."

The AMHS vessel *Lituya* will sail round-trip from Ketchikan to Hollis on Thursday, October 8, and again on Saturday, October 10. *Lituya* will continue providing limited service until the IFA vessel resumes service on November 1. To view schedules and make reservations, please visit the [IFA website](#) or call 866-308-4848.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities oversees 237 airports, 10 ferries serving 35 communities, over 5,600 miles of highway and 776 public facilities throughout the state of Alaska. The mission of the department is to "**Keep Alaska Moving** through service and infrastructure."

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