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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“Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure.”
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.
General Manager Alaska Marine Highway

ENCLOSURES:
- FY 2022-2023 Winter Operating Plan
- Calendars of Events
- FY 2022-2023 Vessel Deployment Plan

DISTRIBUTION:
- All Southeast Alaska Mayors
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- ARDORS
- Commercial Shipping Companies
- CVBs
- DOT/PF Southeast Regional Director
- Marine Transportation Advisory Board
- Managers, AMHS Terminals
- Masters, AMHS Vessels
- Unions
  - IBU
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  - MEBA
- Tlingit & Haida Central Council
- S.E. Alaska Tribal Government Advisory Committee
### Operating Plan
**Winter 2022 - 2023**

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**Mainline Vessels**
- Winter 2021-2022: 28.3 weeks
- Winter 2022-2023: 31.6 weeks

**Feeder Vessels**
- Winter 2021-2022: 54.9 weeks
- Winter 2022-2023: 59.7 weeks

**Southwest Vessels**
- Winter 2021-2022: 31.8 weeks
- Winter 2022-2023: 43.5 weeks

**Total Operating Weeks**
- Winter 2021-2022: 115.0 weeks
- Winter 2022-2023: 134.8 weeks

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**On Line**
- ANB: Annette Bay / Metlakatla Service
- BEL: Bellingham to Skagway

**Overhaul (OH)**
- BEL-X: Bellingham Cross Gulf Southwest
- NP: Northern Panhandle Dayboat

**Layup (LU)**
- BEL-YPR: Bellingham Prince Rupert alternating
- PWS: Prince William Sound

**Maintenance**
- SW: Southwest

Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.
**Columbia replaces Kennicott Nov 14**
SW Winter 2022-23 Oct-Dec, Mar-Apr

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2022-2023 F/W/S SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY EVENTS
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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 HNS
Sitka Jazz Fest SIT
1A Basketball Tourney
All Native BB YPR

MARCH
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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OCTOBER
Valdez Museum Road House Dinner 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

Vessel Deployment – Winter 2022-2023

- 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