June 18, 2024

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 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY25. 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 2024-2025. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is: https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/doc/winter_considerations_2024-2025.pdf

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 June 25, 2024. Information may be faxed to 907-228-6873, emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov, and also provided by using the following links for your service area:

- Prince William Sound Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/pws.shtml
- North Lynn Canal Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/nlc.shtml
- Northern Inside Passage Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/nip.shtml
- Southern Inside Passage Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/sip.shtml
- Aleutian Chain Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/ac.shtml
- Kodiak Island Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/ki.shtml
- Metlakatla Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/met.shtml
- Bellingham Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/bel.shtml
- Prince Rupert Service Area Playbook: dot.alaska.gov/chartingthecourse/sap/ypr.shtml

“Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure.”
A public teleconference to hear additional comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for **June 26, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 1:30 p.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules. The meetings will be held at the Alaska Marine Highway Ketchikan Central Office, 7037 North Tongass Highway for participants wishing to attend in person.

**To attend by phone or by Zoom conference:**

**Topic: AMHS Winter Schedule 2024/2025 Public Meeting for Southeast AK**
When: Jun 26, 2024 10:00 AM Alaska

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89091551528

By phone: (253) 215-8782
Webinar ID: 890 9155 1528

International numbers available: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kdIogA0i7f

**Topic: AMHS Winter Schedule 2024/2025 Public Meeting for Southwest AK and PWS**
When: Jun 26, 2024 01:00 PM Alaska

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Sincerely,

Craig Tornag
Marine Director, Alaska Marine Highway System

ENCLOSURES:
- Draft FY 2025 Winter Operating Plan
- Calendars of Events
- Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs (spiders)
- FY 2025 Vessel Deployment Plan

DISTRIBUTION:
- All Southeast Alaska Mayors
- All Southcentral Alaska Mayors
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- Alaska Travel Industry Association
- ARDORS
- Commercial Shipping Companies
- CVBs
- DOT/PF Southeast Regional Director
- Marine Transportation Advisory Board
- Managers, AMHS Terminals
- Masters, AMHS Vessels
- Unions
  - IBU
  - MM&P
  - MEBA
- Tlingit & Haida Central Council
- S.E. Alaska Tribal Government Advisory Committee
Operating Plan
Winter 2024 - 2025

ANB: Annette Bay / Metlakatla Service  
NP: Northern Panhandle Dayboat

SW: Southwest  
PWS: Prince William Sound

BEL: Bellingham to Skagway

Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.

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Winter 2024-2025
Mainline Vessels 30.5
Feeder Vessels 60.1
Southwest Vessels 40.4
Total Operating Weeks 131.0
Vessel Deployment – Winter 2024-2025

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

Service Gaps

- PWS Oct 15 to Dec 15
- SW Jan through March
Guide to Reading and Using AMHS Scheduling Graphs
(Or Spider Graphs as they are affectionately known)

The AMHS scheduling graphs convey a massive amount of information on a single page, and they can be confusing to understand and interpret. The following explanations and suggestions may help.

1. The title of the graph defines the geographic area depicted by the chart and the time period to which it applies. When “Wk 1 & 3” or “Wk 2 & 4” appear, it implies that the schedule alternates every other week of the month (i.e. that the schedule is not the same every week). Essentially, a week 1 schedule would be followed by week 2, then back to week 3 (which is the same as week 1) and so on to round out the 4 weeks of a month.

2. The days of the week and times of the day are spread across the top axis of the chart. Midnight to midnight is shown for each day with only noon shown on the graph for reference and to declutter it.

3. The various ports are shown on the left side axis of the chart using their three letter AMHS designator. A key to decipher port and ship codes is on page 2 of this guide. Ports with only one dock or ship berth are shown on a single line. Ports with multiple docks have a line for each dock (e.g. JNU 1, JNU 2, JNU 3). They are generally arranged in geographic order, such as Skagway at the top (north) and Bellingham at the bottom (south).

4. Each ship is shown in a different color, and has the ship’s three letter identifier listed beside it throughout the chart for reference. A solid bar of a particular ship’s color in a specific port’s row on the chart indicates the time for that ship to be in that port. By reference to the top axis, you can determine the approximate times of those in port periods.

5. Thin lines of a ship’s color between ports indicate transit time for that particular ship between the two ports at either end of the line.

6. Thin lines that “run off the right edge of the chart” are continued, either on the left edge of the same chart (if running on a weekly scheduling cycle) or on the left edge of the alternating Wk 1&3, Wk 2&4 chart (if running on a two week scheduling cycle).

7. Ships that transition between geographic areas (e.g. Kennicott going across the Gulf of Alaska) have a notation box at the end of their thin transit line indicating such “To X-Gulf” or “Fr X-Gulf”

Suggestions for use:

1. To see what a particular ship does, just follow that ship’s colored line as it zigzags across the chart to determine what ports it visits and on what days and at what approximate times.

2. To see what service a particular community receives, just follow that community’s horizontal row across the chart to see what ships stop in that community and on which days of the week and times of the day that happens. You can also determine, by looking at that ship’s thin transit lines, where a ship serving your community is coming from and where it is going to next.
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- TKE
- GU
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- HNS
- HNH
- JNU_3
- JNU_2
- JNU_1

### KENTON College (KTN)

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- KTN_1

### Williamsport College (WPS)

- PSG
- WRG

### Metuchen (MET)

- YPR
- BEL

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Winter 2024-25 SE Feb-Apr Wk 2 & 4

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2024-2025 F/W/S SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY EVENTS
rev 5-31-24

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 HNS
Bald Eagle Festival SIT
Whale Fest SIT
Volleyball 2A
Volleyball 3A/
Volleyball 4A

DECEMBER
Victorian Yuletide Celebration SGY
Wrestling 1A 2A/3A/4A HNS Dec 13-14
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

MARCH
2A/3A/4A Basketball Tourney JNU
Buckwheat Ski Classic SGY
Gold Medal Basketball Tourney JNU

APRIL
Alaska State Folk Festival JNU
High School Music Festival KTN
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.
2024-2025 F/W/S SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY EVENTS
rev 5-31-24

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
Icewolf Festival                      CDV

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

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