

Intrastate Marine Transportation in Southwest Alaska



King Cove Concerns

- Community is very concerned about our current and future marine transportation options
- AMHS 2020 – the beginning of significant changes in service. One trip per month from May through Sept, NOT IDEAL. Concerned that more service reductions may occur
- Pending changes in ownership & processing activity at the PPSF plant and how that might impact our community and our current marine transportation alternatives

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Downtown

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2019 - King Cove Community & Income Survey

- Sept 2019 King Cove Community & Income Survey published. Primary focus was to conduct a certifiable household income survey to become CDBG eligible. Additionally, questions included the importance of the AMHS to King Cove Residents, assess the level of awareness and concerns about the magnitude of changes to our local fisheries / tax base (the False Pass “shift”) city capital projects & funding priorities, considering an alcohol tax, and reaffirming community support for THE ROAD

2019 - King Cove Community & Income Survey

- Trained local surveyors were able to interview & complete surveys for 114 King Cove households out of 174 households. This 66% survey success rate was good and provided the basis for the city being CDBG eligible. The survey also provided the City's elected officials and administration with valuable and timely resident information, priorities, attitudes, etc.

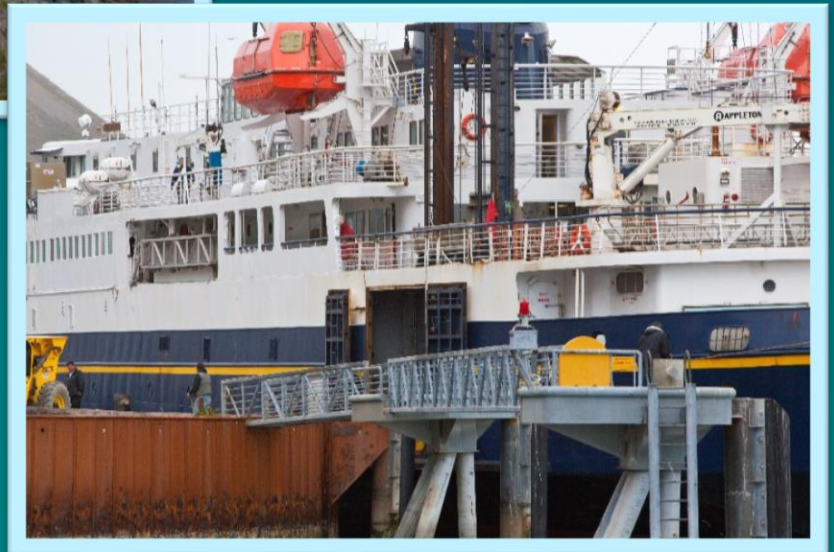
King Cove Depends on the AMHS

- AMHS is very important to our residents
- More than 60% of KC households responded that AMHS passenger & freight service are very important
- KC ridership has remained steady – about 200 residents per year use the ferry for inter-regional travel and to/from Homer & Kodiak
- 15-20 vehicles a season are shipped in/out of King Cove on the ferry

M/V Tustumena in King Cove



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Other King Cove / AMHS Considerations

- Many KC residents take the ferry to Cold Bay to access the airport
- Some KC residents will ONLY travel in and out of KC by taking the ferry to Homer to access Anchorage/Southcentral AK
- The City frequently uses the ferry to ship vehicles and equipment from Anc/Homer – probably 50 vehicles and pieces of equipment in the last 25 years

Other King Cove / AMHS Considerations

- City contractors from southcentral AK frequently use the ferry to ship equipment & vehicles to/from King Cove
- City is a good neighbor - we occasionally send our sewer pump truck over to Cold Bay to provide service
- Over the years, KC has received a fire truck from Unalaska and surplus DOT/PF equipment from Cold Bay

Other Intrastate Marine Options in King Cove

- Samson Tug & Barge and Coastal Transportation serve King Cove on a weekly/bi-weekly basis, and occasionally Northland services
- Samson docks almost exclusively at Peter Pan – they need a special ramp to offload at the KC dock
- Coastal goes to both docks – usually to the city dock first, since it receives considerably less freight than the PPSF dock. Usually a couple of hours at KC dock to offload

Other Intrastate Marine Options in King Cove

- Typical Coastal route: Sea – Sand Point – King Cove – False Pass – Akutan – Dutch
- Overall, freight/cargo coming into KC city dock has been decreasing over the past five years
- Residents have been seeking, and sometimes finding, other freight alternatives – like air – but that also has its challenges because of our unpredictable access to/from Cold Bay Airport
- Coastal brings in one or two vehicles a year for residents, but it's pretty cost prohibitive (around \$5,000)

Coastal in King Cove



Samson in King Cove



The Future of Marine Transportation Options in King Cove – Worry or Not?

- What type of changes might the sale of Peter Pan bring?
- Will Samson & Coastal likely be aligned with the new owner?
- AMHS – will the 2020 service level become our new norm?