



City and Borough of Sitka

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January 15, 2016

Captain Michael Neussl
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Deputy Commissioner
P.O. Box 112500
Juneau, AK 99811-2500

RE: AMHS Summer 2016 Schedule

Dear Captain Neussl,

On behalf of all Sitkans, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the increase in ferry service throughout the Summer 2016 Alaska Marine Highway System schedule.

The previously proposed Summer 2016 Alaska Marine Highway schedule provided only one (1) north and one (1) south bound stop in Sitka, which would have been detrimental to Sitka's residents, tourism and economy.

Thank you again for the Legislative Listening Session and the Community Engagement Meeting. Those two opportunities provided Sitkans the chance to voice their comments and concerns on the proposed schedule, while brainstorming and offering proactive ideas on how to efficiently increase service to Sitka. The meetings were greatly appreciated by all.

It was a pleasure to meet you and your staff. We look forward to continuing a productive relationship.

Sincerely,

Mark Gorman
Municipal Administrator

Cc: Governor Bill Walker
Senator Bert Stedman
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Marc Luiken, DOT&PF Commissioner
Captain John Falvey, Jr, AMHS General Manager
Mike Lesmann, DOT&PF Special Assistant to the Commissioner
Jeremy Woodrow, DOT&PF Communications Officer
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