

### **Commitment, Consistency, Customer Service**

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### The Three C's



### Commitment

- to an early schedule release
- to operating within the budget framework

### Consistency

- 3 year plan to provide consistent service levels, started FY2009

#### **Customer Service**

- Continued improvement of customer service levels
  - AMHS has maintained a 96% customer satisfaction rate since 2006
  - Currently 92% of AMHS departures are on-time
- Continue marketing outreach through pricing and promotions to increase year-round ridership on all vessels to all ports

### **Vessel Operation Cost by Fiscal Year**



\*includes estimated fuel trigger to bring fuel price to '09 actual a: FY '10 Budget b: FY '11 Proposal

### Improvements to AMHS



#### **Cost Savings Improvements**

Fuel Efficiency Systems

### **Efficiency Improvements**

- Satellite Communication System
- New Reservation and Point of Sale Systems
  - will streamline operations and provide real-time information

#### **Customer Service Improvements**

- Terminal Improvements
- Update customer service Policies and Procedures Manual
- New Reservation and Point of Sale Systems
  - will provide an improved user experience online

### **New Vessel Construction**

Alaska Class Ferry

# **Fuel Efficiency Systems**



# Power-management fuel-savings systems are currently installed on the Aurora, Tustumena and Matanuska and are providing a 10-14% fuel savings.

- Winter 2009-2010 installing these systems on the Columbia and Kennicott
- Winter 2010-2011 the systems will be installed on the Taku and LeConte

### **Satellite Communications**



# We continue with the installation of satellite communication hardware aboard the vessels

- anticipate that by Summer 2010, we will have 7 vessels up-and-running with a new broadband service provider
  - Malaspina, Matanuska, Columbia, Kennicott, Aurora, Tustumena, Lituya
- This service will provide satellite communications for the vessel in Phase 1 and internet connections for shipboard passengers using laptops & smart phones in Phase 2
- Going forward; we will continue installing satellite hardware on vessels,
  LeConte and Taku will have equipment installed in the coming year

# **New Reservations System**



### **Phase I: Business Process Review**

- Completed May 2009
- Identified technology gaps and needs to be addressed before moving forward

### Phase II: Review of AMHS Customer Service

- Completed April 2010
- Organizational restructure of customer service departments
- Restructure of Policies and Procedures manual
- Integrates new and updated procedures relating to reservations, manifesting, ticketing and customer related functions on vessels and in teminals

### Phase III: Begin Acquisition of New Reservations and Point of Sale Software

### **Terminal Improvements**



### Angoon

- New dock facility to accommodate LeConte and Fairweather class vessels
- Terminal Improvements
- To be completed December 2010

### **Annette Bay**

- New docking facility to accommodate Lituya and Prince of Wales class vessels
- To be completed Fall 2010

### Hoonah

- Uplands and new terminal, to be completed September 2010
- New docking structures, to be completed February 2011

### Alaska Class Ferry



#### Preliminary Design Phase is complete as of 12/31/09

- Preliminary profile and arrangement drawing
- Propulsion validation study to support a 99% reliability level

### **Final Design Phase**

- Developing RFP to bring on a shipyard to assist with the final design details by mid-March 2010
- Final design will be complete Summer 2010

### **Southwest Traffic**



# Even in a down economy year, passenger and vehicle traffic in Southwest Alaska increased from 2008 to 2009

- Southwest Alaska:
  - 4% passenger traffic increase
  - 11% vehicle traffic increase
- Kodiak
  - 11% passenger traffic increase
  - 18% vehicle traffic increase
- Cordova
  - 10% passenger traffic increase
  - 17% vehicle traffic increase

### Focus on 2011



# 2011 will be the third year of a 3 year commitment to standardize our ferry service

#### Install fuel efficiency improvement on the following vessels:

- MV Taku
- MV LeConte

#### Install satellite communication hardware on the following vessels:

- MV Taku
- MV LeConte

#### Safety and crew training are AMHS priorities

 we will continue to install state-of-the-art passenger evacuation systems aboard our vessels

### Focus on 2011



# Continue to enhance awareness of AMHS as a unique Alaskan travel experience to both residents and visitors.

- 11.2 million potential customers reached in FY 2009

# Move forward with newer, more cost efficient technologies for communicating with current and potential customers

- Over 460,000 visitors to FerryAlaska.com in FY 2009