



ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY



Bellingham Connection

For 30 years, the Alaska Marine Highway's service to Bellingham, Washington has strengthened the economic relationship between the two regions & provided a vital transportation link for residents, visitors and businesses



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- From 2014-2018, an average of 20,000 passengers traveled to/from Bellingham each year
- In 2015, the Bellingham route generated \$21.5 million in revenue for the AMHS with \$7.3 million in expenses
- Full car decks from Bellingham during the busy summer sailing season provide a high revenue source

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ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Washington & Alaska benefit from a dynamic & diverse economic relationship
- The Bellingham connection supports key industries and the workers they hire such as:

**TOURISM, MARITIME SERVICES,
PETROLEUM, SEAFOOD, MILITARY,
CONSTRUCTION, FREIGHT & CARGO**

- Nearly everything bought in Alaska is shipped through Puget Sound
- In 2013, 113,000 jobs in Puget Sound were tied to Alaska



JOB CREATION

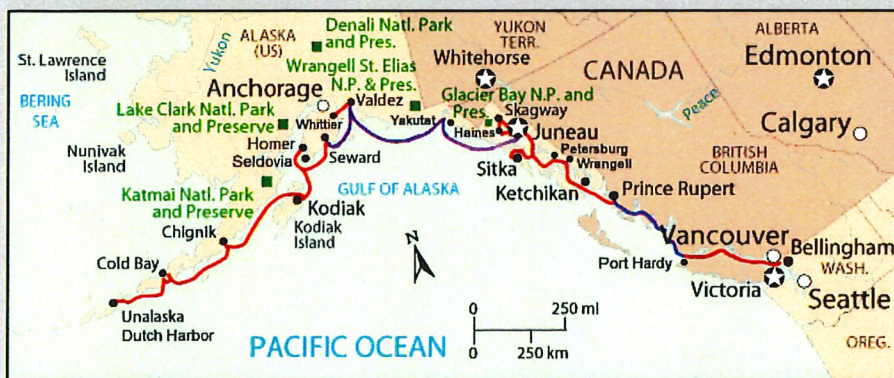
- The Alaska Marine Highway System **generates 1,700 Alaska jobs** (direct & indirect) and stimulates \$273 million in total spending.
- The Bellingham connection **generates 43 Washington jobs** (direct & indirect) and stimulates \$4.2 million in business revenue from firms supplying services and support.



GRANT FUNDING

In 2002, the Alaska Marine Highway was named a National Scenic Byway for its scenic, cultural and archaeological qualities. This designation qualifies Alaska for Federal Highway funds through the United States Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration

On October 4, 2019, the Port of Bellingham will celebrate 30 years of serving as the southernmost connection for the Alaska Marine Highway System and providing an important gateway which has stimulated significant economic growth in both Washington and Alaska



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