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*Fairweather*

**Alaska Marine Highway System  
Name the Ferries Contest  
Student Entry Form**

Attach this form to the front of your essay.

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Grade Level 4 Student's age as of January 30, 2002 9 yrs

**Presentation.** The essay should be:

- Up to 250 words in length
- Typed and double spaced on plain white paper, or clearly written on lined white paper
- Your name and grade level on each page of the essay

**Judging the Essays.** Completed essays should be submitted to your school teacher. One essay will be chosen from each school to send to the school district. The school district will select essays from all the public, private, charter, and home schools in its district. A Department of Education and Early Education selection team will then review the essays submitted by the districts. Ten essays will be selected from this group and sent on for final judging by Lieutenant Governor Fran Ulmer and the leadership of the Alaska Legislature. Two winners will be selected.

**Timeline.**

January 30	Student essays due to the schools
February 13	Best essay in each school submitted to the school district
February 22	Winning district essays received by DEED
Week of March 4	Winners announced

**Fairweather**  
**By Wesley Tyrrell**  
**Fourth Grade**

The Alaska Marine Highway System should name its new ferry after the Fairweather Glacier for two important reasons. First of all, the glacier, born on the border of Alaska and Canada, represents close relations between two nations. Secondly, Fairweather is the perfect name for a ship.

In 1778 Captain James Cook named a mountain range, Fairweather. It is odd that he should choose this name because this place gets some of the worst weather in the world, receiving 100 inches of precipitation every year.

This weather sounds horrible for people but is fantastic for glaciers. Precipitation falling as snow on the summit of Mount Fairweather (15,300ft/4,660 m) does not melt. The ice crystals get deeper and heavier until they reach sixty feet deep, becoming a river of ice. Fairweather Glacier flows down the south side of this mountain to the Gulf of Alaska.

As the glacier creeps down the mountain it scrapes chunks of rock from the highest peak in British Columbia, Canada. The rocks are caught in crevasses, dragged through the glacier, and eventually deposited at its front in Alaska. Sharing Mount Fairweather, its glacier, and its boulders, are two countries meeting together in friendship.

We want people to be confident about their trip on the state ferry. When people hear the name Fairweather, they will picture sunny blue skies and calm seas. The name cries out, "Excellent sailing! Good times! Terrific journeys!"

For these reasons, naming the ferry after the Fairweather Glacier is a great idea.

Chenega

Alaska Marine Highway System  
Name the Ferries Contest

Student Entry Form

Attach this form to the front of your essay.

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Name of School Ninilchik

Grade Level 6th Student's age as of January 30, 2002 13

Presentation. The essay should be:

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## Chenega Glacier Essay

By Emily Rose Oskolkoff

Prince William Sound, nestled in the Alaska's Chugach Mountain Range, has over 20 glaciers ending at sea level; numerous others cling to mountainsides. These glaciers form because warm, low-pressure systems sweeping in off the Pacific Ocean in the winter encounter the high mountains, rise, cool and deposit their excess moisture as snow. More snow falls in the long winter than melts during the short summer. The thick, accumulating snow layers compress into ice, which gradually flows down to the sea as glaciers.

The Chenega Glacier located on the map at 60-degrees 14'N, 148-degrees 28' 20"W. This glacier can be seen by boat from Nassau Fiord and is next to the Tiger Tail glacier. There is a village with the same name as this glacier. Ivan Petroff first reported the Alutiiq village at Chenega Bay named in the 1880 census. The village was destroyed and approximately 1/3 of the villagers perished when a tsunami caused by the 1964 earthquake hit the Prince William Sound. The village was reestablished in the mid-1980's on Evans Island, although it is still named Chenega.

I chose the name Chenega because I liked the sound of it. But as I researched this glacier and discovered what had happened at Chenega Bay in 1964 and how the remaining families had to leave their homes and start a new village on Evans Island I now think that naming one of the new ships Chenega would be a great way to honor the courageous people of Chenega.

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**Two ferry names announced  
Students from Ninilchik and Central win contest**

The two new Alaska Marine Highway System ferries will be named the Fairweather and the Chenega. The names were announced today by Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, Speaker of the House Brian Porter and Senate President Rick Halford after reviewing the top ten essays in the "Name the Ferry" contest.

The name Chenega was submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> grader Emily Rose Oskolkoff of Ninilchik. "I chose the name Chenega because I liked the sound of it. But as I researched this glacier and discovered what had happened at Chenega Bay in 1964 and how the remaining families had to leave their homes and start a new village on Evans Island, I now think that naming one of the new ships Chenega would be a great way to honor the courageous people of Chenega."

Fourth grader Wesley Tyrrell of Central submitted the name Fairweather because "when the people hear the name Fairweather, they will picture sunny blue skies and calm seas."

Representative Brian Porter liked what Wesley wrote: "The name cries out, 'Excellent sailing! Good times! Terrific journeys!'" To me the essay cries out "this is an excellent essay and should be chosen," Porter said.

"It was wonderful to see the strong participation by students throughout Alaska," said Senator Rick Halford. "All of the participants are to be commended."

Hundreds of elementary students in grades 2-6 participated statewide in the contest at the school level. Winning school essays were forwarded to the district level with judging based on criteria established by the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

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Ferry names chosen

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"We see this contest as a great way for kids to make history and have fun," Ulmer said. "The winners, their parents and teachers will receive a six-day cruise on a ferry and their essays will be permanently displayed in the new ferries."

Alaska laws require a state ferry be named after an Alaska glacier. The Name the Ferry contest was developed and coordinated by the Office of the Lt. Governor, Alaska Marine Highway System, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

## About the Contest

Alaska laws require a state ferry be named after an Alaska glacier. This contest will allow a student in the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade to choose a name for one of our new ferries. To enter, write an essay of up to 250 words explaining why you picked a particular glacier name.

Judges at each school will pick the best essay from that school and forward it to the school district. Each district will then choose essays to forward to the Department of Education and Early Development, which will work with Lt. Gov. Fran Ulmer and the Statewide Selection Committee to choose the winners. The essays will be judged on content, originality, composition and writing skills, grammar, and spelling.

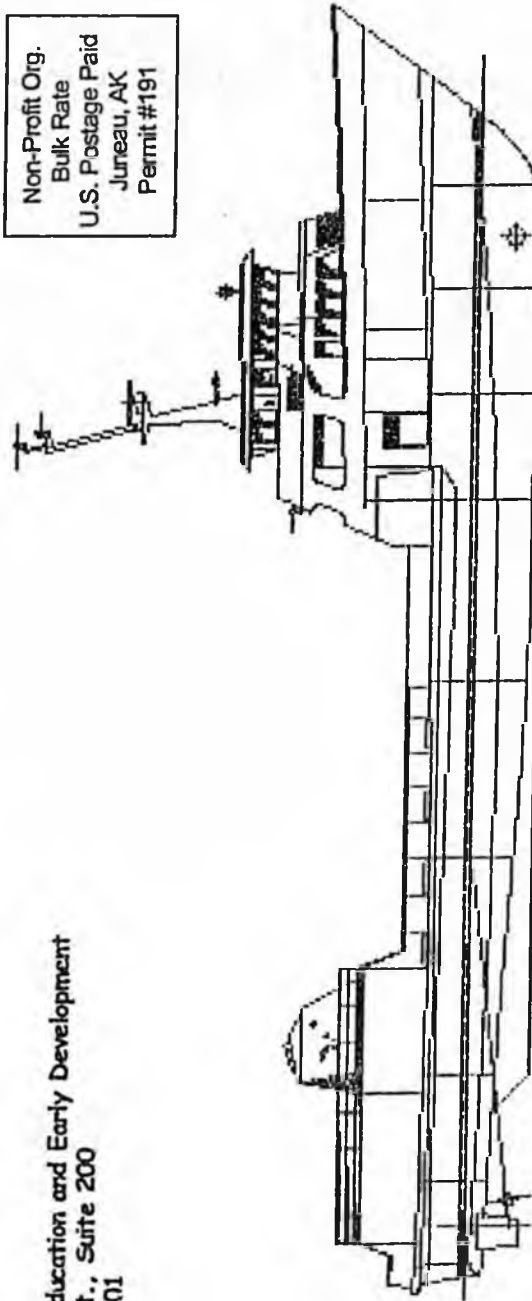
All participants will receive a letter and certificate of appreciation. District winners will receive a vessel photo. The top ten essay winners will win a three-day ferry pass for themselves and their parents. The winning essay for each vessel will be permanently mounted on the new vessel, and the winners and their parents will receive a six-day cruise, including stateroom and meals, on any Alaska Marine Highway vessel.

**Essay due date:  
January 30, 2002**

This is a project developed and coordinated by the Office of the Lt. Governor, Alaska State Legislature, Alaska Marine Highway System, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. If you have questions, call: Coney Danitz (907) 465-8681.

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# Name the New Ferries Contest for Alaska's Marine Highway

Write an essay to name one  
of the new ferries and win:

- A six-day cruise on one of Alaska's ferries, including a stateroom and meals (for both you and your parents)!
- Your essay permanently displayed on the ferry you name!
- A six-day cruise for your teacher!



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## Did you know?

- An Alaska Marine Highway ferry has to be named after an Alaska glacier (it's the law!)
- Eleven names have been used and cannot be used again:
 

Aurora	Malaspina
Bartlett	Matanuska
Chilkat	Taku
Columbia	Tustumena
Kennicott	Wickersham
LeConte	
- There are 735 more glacier names to choose from!

## Tips to help you:

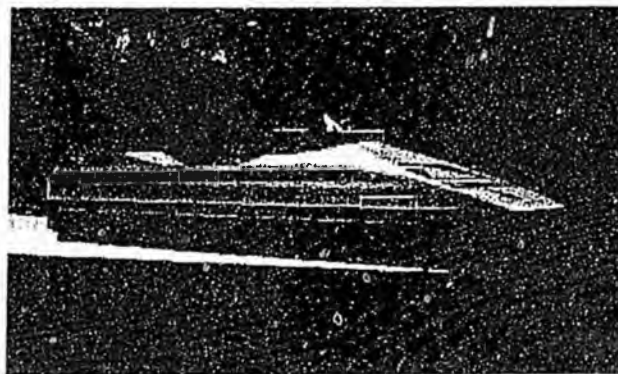
1. New and original ideas - something nobody has thought of before.
2. Include facts about your glacier - both from science and history.
3. Your essay has a beginning, middle and an end and is easy to read.
4. A person reading your essay can tell how you feel about what you are writing.
5. You use interesting words. Your sentences are complete and make sense.
6. Your spelling, use of paragraphs, punctuation, and grammar are correct.

## Prizes for everyone!

- Everyone gets a special appreciation certificate.
- District winners get a photo of one of the new ferries.
- The top ten selected essays earn students a three-day ferry pass for themselves and their parents.
- The top two winners (and their parents) get a six-day cruise on a ferry (with a stateroom and meals) plus their essay is permanently displayed in the new ferry.
- The winners' teachers will also get a six-day cruise on any AMHS vessel.

## Here's How You Do It:

1. Get a list of Alaska glacier names. You can do this by contacting your school librarian, public librarian or the internet.
2. From the list of glaciers, pick out a name for one of the new ferries.
3. Write an essay of up to 250 words, about 1 page, explaining why you selected the name. Be creative! Have fun with the essay.
4. Fill out the entry form and attach it to your essay. Then turn in your essay to your teacher. That's all there is to it! Yours may be one of the winning essays!



## Details on the New Ferries

### The New Metlakatla Ferry

Length overall .....	181 feet
Max. beam .....	50 feet
Vehicle capacity .....	18 cars
Passenger capacity .....	149
Speed .....	12 knots
Route .....	Metlakatla to Ketchikan

### The New Fast Ferry

Length overall .....	235 feet
Max. beam .....	60 feet
Vehicle capacity .....	36 cars
Passenger capacity .....	250
Speed .....	32 knots
Route No. 1 .....	Sitka to Juneau