

Alaska Class Ferry Project



Survey Results

Summary

A project survey was available on the project website through the end of the feasibility study phase of design. Two survey formats were provided during that time. The second survey updated the first by including clarifying sentences in the parenthesis following most issue statements. The results of this clarified survey are shown below.

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The survey asked how the public felt about the stated possible project outcomes.

1. Alaska Class Ferries may be paid for with State Funds.

		Response Percent
Not a concern		47.9%
Like this		37.6%
Don't like it, but can accept it		11.1%
Cannot accept this (please provide comment)		3.4%

2. Alaska Class Ferry crews may be smaller than the vessels crews they replace to suit operational profile. (Note: The vessels will allow system-wide changes resulting in better utilization of AMHS vessels. Alaska Class Ferries will operate on shorter 4 – 8 hour routes, allowing mainline vessels to operate more consistently on longer routes.)

		Response Percent
Not a concern		23.1%
Like this		43.6%
Don't like it, but can accept it		23.9%
Cannot accept this (please provide comment)		9.4%

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3. Alaska Class Ferries (like any other new or existing vessel) may inadvertently impact wildlife and beaches. (Note: The wakes of these conventional displacement vessels will have the same impact as the existing conventional displacement vessels they are replacing. Air and water pollution will be less than the existing vessels they replace because of the new technologies being incorporated.)

		Response Percent
Not a concern		46.2%
Like this		29.1%
Don't like it, but can accept it		22.2%
Cannot accept this (please provide comment)		2.6%

4. Existing AMHS vessels will be retired. (Note: Replacing the oldest vessels in the fleet is important to the ongoing financial health of the AMHS system. These oldest vessels have increasing and unpredictable costs associated with maintaining them. The Alaska Class Ferries will also allow system changes that result in using the existing vessels (i.e. the COLUMBIA) more consistently throughout the year.)

		Response Percent
Not a concern		18.8%
Like this		51.3%
Don't like it, but can accept it		17.9%
Cannot accept this (please provide comment)		12.0%

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5. Alaska Class Vessels will not have overnight passenger accommodations. (Note: Alaska Class Ferries will operate on shorter 4-8 hour routes, rather than multi-day routes. AMHS ridership data show the majority of passengers traveling on mainline vessels along likely Alaska Class Ferry routes travel on these short, one-leg segments. For passengers with special needs during these shorter runs, there will be a small number of quiet rooms available.)

		Response Percent
Not a concern		18.8%
Like this		33.3%
Don't like it, but can accept it		29.9%
Cannot accept this (please provide comment)		17.9%

AMHS will be modifying our Frequently Asked Questions page to incorporate comments made by the survey takers. This link will take you to the [FAQ](#) page on the project website.