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SUBJECT Refusal of Passage on AMHS Vessels		SUPERSEDES	DATED	
TITLE Alaska Marine Highway System	CHAPTER General Administration	APPROVED BY Signature on File		

PURPOSE

To establish consistent guidelines for Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) vessel personnel to refuse passage to individuals, for the safety of the vessel, crew, other passengers or the individual concerned.

POLICY

Alaska Marine Highway System vessel Masters, and their designees, have the authority to refuse passage to individuals for appropriate reasons.

A decision to refuse passage is appropriate when a person exhibits conduct that a reasonable person would conclude "might jeopardize the safety of the vessel or passengers" (including the person denied passage) or when other persons might be placed in "extreme discomfort."

If an individual is to be refused passage due to "extreme discomfort" of other passengers, there must be a reasonable basis for believing that the person may intentionally harass other passengers.

Vandalism, destruction, tampering with vessel's emergency equipment or theft of vessel property are reasons to refuse passage.

Blatant and/or repeated disregard for AMHS regulations should also be considered among appropriate reasons.

Some degree of judgement will always be required in a situation where an AMHS vessel employee must decide whether or not a person should be allowed to board (or remain on board) an AMHS vessel.

Decision to refuse passage must be made in light of the circumstances and following the procedures set forth in DPDR 04.01.020.

AUTHORITY

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IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITY

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