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From: Stephen Giesbrecht
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 2:25 PM
To: Assembly
Cc: Debra Thompson
Subject: FW: Call to Action! DOT&PF Ferry Focus Groups

Does the Assembly want to appoint someone to this group and work with ADOT on this issue?

From: AMHS Focus (DOT sponsored) <AMHS.Focus@alaska.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 1:40 PM
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Dear Stakeholder,

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is working to develop locally-based Ferry Focus Groups to provide further insight into how AMHS can best serve communities with the resources available while we work toward more reliable service. We would be grateful for your participation in one of our focus groups.

Last year, DOT&PF launched '[Charting the Course Toward Thriving Communities](#)' to revitalize the Alaska Marine Highway System. Through this effort, we have been able to better target routes for supplemental ferry service, assign trips for specific community events, and more effectively gauge and report on the strengths and weaknesses of AMHS. This has only been possible with the help of our Alaskan communities.

We hope you're willing to lend your participation, engagement, and expertise around upcoming service schedule planning/schedule development, which would include attendance at two DOT&PF-hosted virtual workshops in the coming months. These focus groups will continue beyond this upcoming effort with more opportunities for involvement moving forward. Your input throughout this effort will be invaluable to our team as we begin planning for upcoming service schedules.

If you are interested in participating in a Ferry Focus Group, please reply to this email or directly to amhs.focus@alaska.gov with your complete contact information and affiliation/interest. Additionally, if you know of others in your community that may be interested in your region's focus group, please reply with their contact information.

Together with your help, DOT&PF can continue to work toward better serving Alaska's communities.

Respectfully,



The Charting the Course Team at DOT&PF | AMHS

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