We Strongly Recommend Funding for FY 2013:

Funding for AMHS operations at current levels of service
✓ Public expects and appreciates a consistent schedule
✓ Due to maintenance schedules, replacement ships cost more to operate
✓ Customer satisfaction approval rating for current service level is high

Alaska Class Ferry Construction
✓ Next generation ferry to start replacement of aging AMHS fleet
✓ CM/GC Process to be used for efficiency
✓ Following legislative intent to build in Alaska

Columbia Repower Project (federal receipts)
✓ Unexpected engine casualty in May 2011 caused 4 day service outage
✓ Ship is due for mid-life re-powering
✓ Catastrophic casualty of an engine would cancel entire operating season

Engine Replacements for the Fast Vehicle Ferry (federal receipts)
✓ Fairweather engines have reached maximum cylinder bore oversize limit
✓ No proven permanent solution to problem exists
✓ Potential for year+ service gap due to long lead time engine production

Annual Appropriations to the Vessel Replacement Fund of at least $60 Million
✓ Systematic annual investment needed to replace aging fleet
✓ Current commitment to AK Class Ferry means zero balance in fund
✓ Retaining fund’s interest earnings could protect against inflation

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