



# Inter-Island Ferry Authority

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# By the Numbers

- 2019 was a great year, 44,193 passengers and 79% Farebox Recovery.
- 2020 let's not talk about it, it's in the past.
- We had a strong return to almost normal in calendar year 2021. We saw 38,671 passengers and a 70% Farebox Recovery Rate. 2022 is showing strong pre-bookings, most of the fishing lodges on POW are already booked, and the increase in Mariculture and other Opportunities make the coming year exciting and truly "Getting back to Business".

# Risks

- Fuel Costs increased 86% in the 2021 over 2020 having a negative impact on farebox recovery.
- While currently fully staffed over 50% of our staff is within 5 years of retirement.





# Some of our Founders, Champions, and Friends.



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To the Employees and Board Members of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority,

Thank you for extending an invitation to me to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Inter-Island Ferry Authority. While I cannot be there, I am a quarter of heart and am proud to have been a supporter of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) throughout my career. As such, I want to recognize the dedicated men and women of the IFA that have worked to provide this service for the last 20 years.

Southeast Alaskan communities have always embodied the "can do" spirit of Alaska. Faced with a demanding geography and economic challenges often imposed by overreaching federal bureaucrats, the region has persevered and become one of the premiere destinations in North America. The IFA is prime example of Alaskans coming together to solve a problem and support their fellow Alaskans.

The benefits of connectivity that the IFA provides cannot be overstated. Come rain or shine, it is a cost-effective and reliable service for everyday life and is a vital economic and cultural link for Prince of Wales Island, carrying more than 50,000 passengers and 10,000 vehicles between Hollis and Ketchikan ports each year. Because of the IFA, Alaskans can travel affordably, more frequently and bring their goods to market.

After the IFA was formed in 1997, I was proud to work with Senator Ted Stevens to help secure funding for the M/V Sultine and M/V Prince of Wales. Throughout the years, I have appreciated the self-sufficient ethos that governs IFA's operation. The IFA has been diligent to operate within its means and has been a good custodian of public monies. As any resident of Southeast knows, the waterways are our highways and I continue to work to ensure that the federal government recognizes that fact. When I was Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I worked to ensure the IFA can receive federal highway and transit funding.

The recently enacted Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act provides more money and new funding flexibility for the IFA. I stand ready to assist you as these monies and new authorities come forward from the federal government through the state. My goal with this bill is to provide opportunities for entities like the IFA to build upon their success for decades to come.

Once again, I am proud to celebrate this milestone for the IFA's leadership and its employees. On behalf of Alaska and my fellow Alaskans thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our home.

Sincerely,  
  
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