

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 24-04

**REAFFIRMING RESOLUTION 22-06
“SUPPORTING MULTI-USE WATERFRONT INFRASTRUCTURE”**

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska waterfront infrastructure is an essential component of community investment in coastal Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, these essential infrastructure components include terminals, ramps, piers, docks, and other structures; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunity for public and private collaboration to identify and create mutually beneficial partnerships to improve ferry service is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, waterfront infrastructure is expensive to construct and maintain; and,

WHEREAS, infrastructure capacity is goes unutilized when not actively in use; and,

WHEREAS, designing and modifying waterfront infrastructure to accommodate more than one variety of vessel provides for consumption of unused infrastructure capacity, at a cost lower than constructing and maintaining separate vessel loading/offloading infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the availability of terminal construction/renovation funding from the bipartisan infrastructure bill creates opportunities to design and build waterfront infrastructure that can accommodate multiple users to better meet community transportation needs.

WHEREAS, Alaska was selected as a location for a pilot program to provide grant funds for the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferries as required under Section 71102 of Public Law 117-58; and,

WHEREAS, implementation of an electric ferry route will require significant shoreside upgrades and infrastructure construction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that new marine infrastructure construction projects include design features that enable the use of State-owned infrastructure by multiple marine transportation vessels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Southeast Conference calls on AMHS to make facilities available for multiple uses through private sector partnerships, and calls for design assessments of current facilities to determine the practicality of renovations to accommodate other users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Southeast Conference calls for a review of State policies and regulations to allow for third party use of State-owned waterfront infrastructure.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE _____, 2024.

Witness by:

Attest: