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### **Inter-Island Ferry Authority Service Interruption due to mechanical failure.**

Hollis, Alaska –

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, and again on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) suffered a propulsion system failure on the starboard side of the M/V Stikine. The M/V Stikine will be placed into inactive status until parts and technicians to make the necessary repairs can be secured. The M/V Prince of Wales is already inactive and awaiting repairs. The delay in repairs to the Prince of Wales is due to scheduling issues and the complexities of funding.

We anticipate the M/V Stikine will return to service on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the M/V Prince of Wales to return to service by the end of the year. We realize that this is a major inconvenience to our customers and supply chain partners. We are working diligently on identifying solutions for our customers during this difficult time.