

# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Alaska Marine Highway System

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**SUBJECT:** Ship Recycling Policy

In the course of its operation, AMHS will sell, retire, or replace the vessels which have outlived their commercial usefulness. These vessels will be sold to other ship owners for recycling or continued use according to our retirement and replacement schedule. The purpose of the Ship Recycling Policy is to set out the practices to be followed by AMHS in the design, construction, operation, and sale of these vessels to ensure that their disposal is carried out in a manner which does not pose any unnecessary risks to human health, safety, or to the environment.

AMHS has based this policy on the framework criteria in line with the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships and we will therefore act in accordance as much as possible. To comply with the requirements of this policy, AMHS will meet (when possible) specific criteria listed in the following areas:

1. The Design and Construction of New Vessels
2. During the Operating Life of the Vessel
3. AMHS's Sales Agreement and Vessel Use Preference
4. The Sale of Vessels for Other Purposes
5. Requirements for Ships Sold for Recycling

In the initial stage, the focus will be to work with the shipyards that are constructing our new vessels to minimize the use of or exclude hazardous materials and to provide a ship specific Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM). As we continue to incorporate the measures included in this policy, we will take additional steps to ensure the responsible design, operation, and disposal of each vessel.

Attachment(s):

AMHS's Ship Recycling Policy

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