

# **AGREEMENT**

between the

**STATE OF ALASKA**

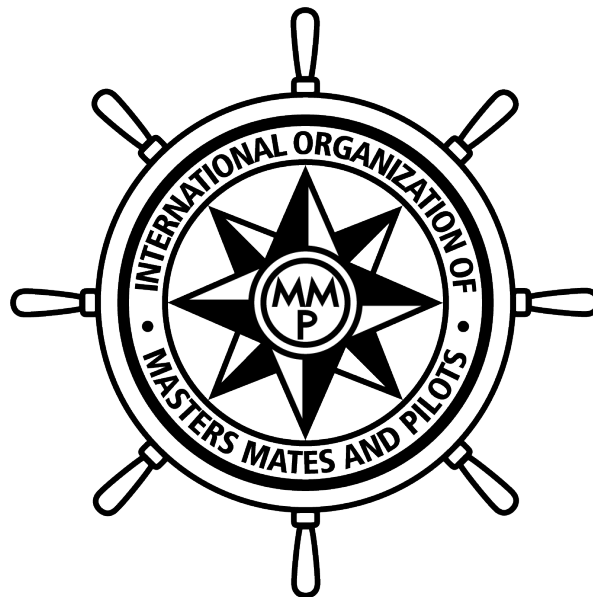
operating the

**ALASKA MARINE  
HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

and the

**INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION OF  
MASTERS, MATES,  
AND PILOTS**

Pacific Maritime Region



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## **RULE 1 - SCOPE**

**1.01** The Rules contained herein constitute an Agreement between the STATE OF ALASKA, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTERS, MATES, AND PILOTS, UNITED INLAND GROUP, PACIFIC MARITIME REGION, representing the Deck Officers as classified within this Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the Union, governing wages, hours and conditions of employment on the Employer's ferries and any other waterborne carrier owned, operated, chartered or leased for operation by the Alaska Marine Highway System.

**1.02** The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that this Agreement is the entire Agreement and includes all collective negotiations during its term. It is mutually understood that there is no desire on the part of the Union to dictate the business policies of the Employer but when the Employer contemplates a change in policy affecting the welfare of the Deck Officer, proper and reasonable notice shall be given to the Union.

**1.03** Any additions, deletions or changes which are negotiated during the life of this Agreement shall be in the form of an amendment or addendum and shall become part of this Agreement.

### **1.04**

(A) The State of Alaska shall have the ability to contract for passenger and vehicle service only for the following ports: Angoon, Gustavus, Kake, Hoonah, Tenakee, and Pelican, without regard to MMP jurisdiction. In the event the Employer is not able to provide adequate service to Sitka from Juneau with the vessels available, additional supplemental service may be contracted out to fulfill those temporary needs.

The State of Alaska shall also have the ability to contract for passenger and vehicle service at any port for up to thirty (30) days temporarily to the extent reasonably necessary to deal with the following emergencies: An AMHS vessel in revenue service suffers a catastrophic casualty resulting in the vessel being taken offline; or an AMHS vessel is unexpectedly and without notice, being delayed in returning to service from yard status. Unexpected and without notice meaning an adjustment made in the final two weeks prior to the published return to service date.

(B) The Employer shall provide all information regarding the contracting for passenger and vehicle service of these ports to the Union. No portion of this subsection (B) shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

## **RULE 2 - RECOGNITION**

The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative of all Deck Officers as classified herein, and as the sole collective bargaining agent for the purpose of acting for the Deck Officers in negotiating wages, hours, conditions of employment and interpreting this Agreement, and adjusting disputes.

## **RULE 3 – INITIAL APPOINTMENTS AND USE OF INFORMATION**

**3.01** The Employer may employ from any source it chooses, including the Union, but shall give first preference to applicants who are qualified and are residents of Alaska. The Union, in supplying any personnel, shall recognize this preference.

**3.02** The Employer recognizes that the Union is a normal source of obtaining new Deck Officers. If called upon to do so, the Union agrees to furnish the Employer qualified and satisfactory personnel for any classification covered by this Agreement.

**3.03** The Employer may reject any applicant for a position who it feels is unsatisfactory. If the Union feels that any rejection of an applicant, who is a current employee of the Employer, has been made without valid reason, the Union shall have the right to inquire on behalf of the applicant.

**3.04** Pre-employment physicals may be required.

**3.05** The Union agrees that all nonpublic personnel information provided to it by the Employer shall be used only for purposes related to the execution of the Agreement; and that the Union shall be responsible for the protection and security of information provided.

## **RULE 4 – DEFINITIONS**

### **4.01 DECK OFFICERS.**

(A) Regularly Assigned Deck Officer. A Deck Officer who is regularly assigned to a specific position on board a given vessel. A Regularly Assigned Deck Officer who is temporarily assigned to a Third Mate Trainee position on a Puget Sound route vessel shall continue to be considered a Regularly Assigned Deck Officer.

(B) Vacation Relief Deck Officer. A Deck Officer who has been assigned to relieve Regularly Assigned Deck Officers and who has been so designated in writing by the Employer in accordance with Rule 23.03.

(C) Extra Relief Deck Officer. A Deck Officer who is placed on the printed schedule by the Scheduling Committee to fill temporary vacancies, i.e., illness, injury, leaves of absence, etc. This includes Deck Officers hired between Scheduling Committee meetings that will be placed on the printed schedule during the next meeting.

The Scheduling Committee shall make a recommendation regarding the number of Extra Relief Deck Officers on the roster. AMHS management will determine the number of extra Relief Deck Officers required.

The Extra Relief Deck Officer shall receive all benefits of a Regularly Assigned Deck Officer, except; Rule 25 Minimum Guarantee shall not apply.

**4.02 REGULARLY ASSIGNED POSITIONS.** Specific positions aboard a given vessel and crew ("A" or "B") which are filled in accordance with Rule 26 of this Agreement, and the positions of Deck Officers who have been designated Vacation Relief Deck Officers.

Third Mate Trainee positions on Puget Sound route vessels shall not be regularly assigned positions.

**4.03 SYSTEMS.** AMHS System. Includes all vessels using Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Homer, Valdez or Cordova as change ports.

**4.04 ASSIGNED TIME OFF.** Assigned time off shall include the Deck Officer's scheduled week, or weeks, off while on sea watches or while at a shipyard or tie-up terminal as provided for in Rule 16.01, and vacation.

**4.05 WORKWEEK.** Workweek means a fixed and regularly recurring period of 168 hours that is seven consecutive 24-hour periods; it may begin on any day of the week and need not coincide with the calendar week; an individual employee's workweek is the statutory or contract number of hours that the employee is to

regularly work during that period; the workweek may not be artificially adjusted for the purpose of avoiding the payment of overtime.

**4.06 WORKDAY.** Workday means a fixed and regularly recurring period of 24 consecutive hours.

(A) Twelve (12) hours shall constitute a day while in underway, yard or layup status.

(B) Eight point four (8.4) hours shall constitute a day while in training status A Deck Officer who receives training as described in Rule 15.03(B) shall not be considered to be in training status for purposes of this Rule.

**4.07 REGULAR ASSIGNMENT.** Regular Assignment shall mean the seven (7) consecutive 12 hour days (84 work hours) or fourteen consecutive 12 hour days (168 work hours) aboard a given vessel as described in Rule 19.

An assignment as per the published work schedule issued three times per year by the Scheduling Committee.

## **RULE 5 - UNION MEMBERSHIP**

**5.01** All employees shall be informed of their exclusive representation by the Union. The Union shall be afforded an opportunity within the first 30 days of an employee's hire to meet with the employee and discuss Union membership. The State shall collect bargaining unit dues and initiation fees upon written authorization with the employee, as required by Alaska Statute 23.40.220, in a manner which respects and protects the legal and constitutional rights of all dues payers. The State will provide the Union advanced notice of any changes to the current dues deduction process, forms or system, which changes must comply with law, and allow the Union at least ten (10) days to provide input to the State before any changes are implemented by the State.

**5.02** The Union shall defend, indemnify, and save the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, grievances, or other liability (including attorney's fees incurred by the Employer) that arise out of or by reason of actions taken by the Employer pursuant to this section, except those actions caused by the Employer's negligence. If the Union undertakes the defense under this section, it shall at its option select counsel to conduct the defense.

**5.03** Each month the Union will be provided a report showing appointment personnel actions for all newly hired Alaska Marine Highway System Deck Officers.

## **RULE 6 – NONDISCRIMINATION**

**6.01** The Employer agrees not to discriminate against any Deck Officer because of membership status in the Union or activity on behalf of the Union, provided such activity is not contrary to law or this Agreement.

**6.02** The Employer and the Union agree that there will be no discrimination against any Deck Officer or applicant for employment because of race, religion, disability, marital status, change in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, sex, color, age, genetic information, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**6.03** All references herein to the male gender will also include the female gender.

## **RULE 7 - CREW REQUIREMENTS**

**7.01** The minimum manning for all present and future vessels shall be in accordance with the safe operation of the vessel as and the Certificates of Inspection under which the vessel is licensed to operate, and the Certificates of all vessels covered by this Agreement are made a part hereof by reference. There shall be no unilateral reduction in present staffing.

## **RULE 8 - HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **8.01 QUARTERS REQUIREMENTS**

The health and safety of Deck Officers shall be reasonably protected. Where quarters are provided, each Deck Officer shall have his or her own individual stateroom. All Deck Officer's staterooms shall be properly equipped with a washroom. Each stateroom shall be clean, heated and lighted at all times during occupancy. Washrooms are to be equipped with fresh hot and cold running water, and fresh water shower facilities, as well as sanitary drainage. The HVAC system shall be in good operating condition.

The Employer agrees that, on vessels where quarters are provided, white sheets, pillow slips, mattresses, blankets, towels and soap shall be furnished to insure sanitary and healthful conditions.

### **8.02 ROOM SERVICE**

The Employer shall afford room service for its Deck Officers; i.e., changing linens, sweeping, mopping and waxing in the respective staterooms, bathrooms and toilets. Clean bed linen and towels are to be provided weekly and rooms are to

be cleaned and beds made daily. When vessels are in the yards rooms will be cleaned at least one time per week.

### **8.03 NEW CONSTRUCTION**

The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to discuss quarters before new vessels are acquired, constructed or converted. The Union recognizes it must initiate a request to discuss quarters in a timely manner.

### **8.04 ANNUAL PHYSICALS**

Annual employee physicals may be required by the Employer to be performed by a doctor of the Employer's choice and at the expense of the Employer.

### **8.05 DRUG TEST REIMBURSEMENT**

The Employer will reimburse each Deck Officer for the actual cost of a drug test required by law, regulation, employer directive or to maintain his/her license. This shall not apply to pre-hire drug tests nor to testing or screening associated with a drug rehabilitation program.

## **RULE 9 - OCCUPATIONAL INJURY AND ILLNESS BENEFITS**

### **9.01 UNEARNED WAGES**

In the event a Deck Officer becomes ill while in the service of the Employer's vessel, he/she shall receive wages until returned to his or her change port or place of residence, whichever is soonest. In the event a Deck Officer is injured while in the services of the Employer's vessel, he/she shall receive wages to the end of the work assignment. During the period of time that an employee is receiving unearned wages for a work related illness or injury, the employee may not receive additional income supplementation by claiming accrued annual leave or medical/sick leave.

### **9.02 TRANSPORTATION**

In the event a Deck Officer becomes ill or is injured while in the service of the vessel, he or she will be furnished meals, lodging and transportation until returned to his or her change port. This provision shall apply when the Deck Officer is not hospitalized and has notified the Master or the Personnel officer of his or her medical status.

**9.03** When hospital treatment is required, transportation to and from the hospital will be furnished by the Employer if the Deck Officer becomes ill or needs medical attention while in the service of the vessel and a Master's certification has been issued. Upon release from the hospital, transportation to the Deck Officer's change port shall be provided upon request, provided said transportation is connected to an assignment.



**9.04** Seniority shall accrue while the Deck Officer is paid Worker's Compensation for the time absent from work, provided the Deck Officer was eligible for dispatch based on his or her seniority.

**9.05** The Employer shall provide the Union with written notice of all job-related injuries in a timely manner.

## **RULE 10 - COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF EFFECTS**

Deck Officers will be reimbursed in cash for the loss of personal effects, instruments and equipment resulting from shipwreck, stranding, sinking, burning and collision of the vessel in the amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Each individual must provide the Employer with an itemized list of the individual's losses, including replacement value(s). Reimbursement may be made for items over \$2,000 up to \$5,000 if supported by receipts.

## **RULE 11 - CASH ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE AND QUARTERS**

**11.01** When the Deck Officer is in work status away from home and quarters are not furnished, the Deck Officer shall be entitled to a quarter's allowance of ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) per day between May 16 and September 15 and eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per day between September 16 and May 15.

In the event that quarters are not available at the contracted quarters allowance rate the Deck Officer shall be reimbursed for necessary receipted expenses for quarters.

**11.02** When a Deck Officer is in work status away from home and meals are not furnished, the Deck Officer shall be entitled to a meal allowance in accordance with the State Administrative Manual.

## **RULE 12 - RELIEF TERMINAL**

### **12.01 CHANGE PORTS**

(A) Designated change ports for Deck Officers are Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Cordova, Valdez and Homer. Changes to the regular change ports of a given vessel shall be designated by the Employer. Should the Employer make a change to the usual change port of a given vessel, moving costs or travel

expenses will be paid for affected Deck Officers in accordance with Rule 12.07. The Employer will determine on a case by case basis, between paying either moving costs or travel expenses to affected Deck Officers.

For regularly assigned Deck Officers (A crew or B crew), the Deck Officer who held the bid the longest shall designate the change port for the position.

Changes in designation pursuant to this Rule shall not result in additional expense to the Employer. However, other communities may also be used as change ports if both regularly assigned Deck Officers covering a position reside in such community or vicinity and when such community is a regular port of call of the Employer's vessels with written notification to the Employer. In no case shall the implementation of a different change port cause any Alaska resident to travel outside the State of Alaska to relieve another Deck Officer. Regularly assigned Deck Officers shall normally be relieved at the same change port where they began their duties.

(B) Vacation Relief Deck Officers, Extra Relief Deck Officers, and Temporary Relief Officers shall designate a preferred change port, either Juneau or Ketchikan. A different change port can be designated if approved by the General Manager, or designee.

(C) Regularly Assigned Deck Officers and Vacation Relief Deck Officers assigned to the M/V Tustumena shall have a change port of Homer.

## **12.02 DEADHEADING**

Deck Officers who reside at any port of call of the Employer's vessels other than at their designated change port may "deadhead" aboard said vessels. During such passage the Deck Officer may take meals in the officers' mess without charge.

Berth will be furnished free of charge whenever possible, on a space-available basis. However, the Employer shall not be liable for travel and/or other expenses incurred by a Deck Officer traveling to Deck Officer's designated change port by means other than vessels of the System.

## **12.03 TRAVEL TO/FROM TEMPORARY CHANGE PORT**

(A) When a Regularly Assigned Deck Officer or Vacation Relief Deck Officer is required to change their travel arrangements at the Employer's direction, he/she is entitled to the extra cost incurred due to this change. It is the Deck Officer's responsibility to provide documentation of actual travel in order to receive entitlements under this subsection. All expenses will be paid in accordance with the Alaska Administrative Manual.

(B) When any Deck Officer is temporarily assigned duties which involve a crew change or work assignment at other than his or her designated change port, for

each and every occasion travel is required the Deck Officer is entitled to travel expenses (including air fare and ground transportation) between their designated change port and the temporary change port.

Deck Officers deviating from the required travel between temporary and designated change port, including but not limited to choosing to travel at another time, to another designation, or using means other than those offered by the State, will be reimbursed for actual necessary travel expenses up to the expenditures that would have been incurred by the Employer, had the employee not deviated, whichever is less.

All requests for reimbursements must be submitted within sixty (60) days from the Deck Officer's release from the vessel and must include receipts for actual travel. Travel expenses will not be paid for the portion of travel provided by the Employer on its vessels. If a Deck Officer is required to travel on the Employer's vessel and required to purchase accommodations he/she shall be entitled to reimbursement.

It is the Deck Officer's responsibility to provide documentation of actual travel in order to receive entitlements under this subsection. All expenses will be paid in accordance with the Alaska Administrative Manual.

When it is necessary to await arrival of the vessel, to begin a temporary assignment at other than designated change port, Rule 11, Cash Allowance for Subsistence and Quarters, will apply. Claims for subsistence shall be made on the State of Alaska Travel Authorization Form.

#### **12.04 TRAVEL PAY**

(A) When a Deck Officer is temporarily assigned duties which involve a crew change or work assignment at other than his or her designated change port, he or she is entitled to travel pay per 12.04 (B) and (C) below. No documentation of actual travel will be required.

(B) When an employee is eligible for travel pay as provided elsewhere in this Rule, travel pay for deck officers shall be a payment for a fixed number of hours based on the Deck Officer's rate of pay as follows:

(1) TRAVEL RATE A; When a Deck Officer is required travel to travel from/to any regular port serviced by AMHS within either the Southeast or Central/Southwest region they shall be paid five (5) hours at the Deck Officer's pay rate.

(2) TRAVEL RATE B; When a Deck Officer to travel from either region to the other, OR to outside the borders of the state of Alaska, OR to an Alaskan port not regularly served by AMHS, they shall be paid ten (10) at the Deck Officer's pay rate.

(3) For the sake of this rule, Yakutat will be considered in the opposite region from where the Deck Officer began their travel.

(C) Eligibility for travel pay shall not be construed as creating other entitlements except as may be expressly stated in the Rule. The pay for travel time will count as hours (either 5 or 10 in accordance with Rule 12.04(B) above) towards Minimum Guarantee, but not for purposes of computing hours towards any overtime entitlements.

#### **12.05 TRANSFER OR CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT**

All additional costs incurred by a transfer or change of assignment at the convenience of, and requested by, a Deck Officer shall not be the responsibility of the Employer. This includes transfers caused by initiation of a bid award. Expenses incurred when a transfer or permanent change of assignment of a Deck Officer is at the direction of and for the convenience of the Employer shall be the responsibility of the Employer. When Deck Officers are permanently transferred for the convenience of, and at the direction of the Employer, other than through the bid process, to Southwest Alaska from the Southeast System (or vice versa), or due to the Employer making a change in change ports, reimbursements for actual moving expenses incurred shall be in accordance with the State travel regulations.

#### **12.06 CALL BACK FROM APPROVED VACATION**

When a Deck Officer is on an approved vacation and is unexpectedly called back to work, he or she will be reimbursed for any additional expenses incurred by the Deck Officer and travel pay as established in 12.04. In order to be reimbursed for additional expenses and be paid travel pay under this section the call back must be directed by the Commissioner of Department of Transportation and Public Facilities prior to the Deck Officer incurring additional expenses. The Deck Officer shall submit documentation to support the additional expenses and travel pay claimed. If the Deck Officer undertakes return travel after completing the assignment to which called back, he or she shall be reimbursed for any additional transportation expenses to return to the original point of call. Travel pay to return shall also be considered time worked for purposes of Minimum Guarantee, but not for the purpose of computing hours towards any overtime entitlements. All expenses will be paid in accordance with the Alaska Administrative Manual.

#### **12.07 INITIAL HIRE/TERMINATION**

Upon initial hire and/or termination, the Deck Officer shall be entitled to one-way air transportation between his or her port of original hire and change port. This shall include excess baggage allowance for necessary items of clothing, uniforms, and navigational equipment required for assigned duties, but not to exceed a total cost of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

## **12.08 RELOCATING TO ALASKA**

When a Deck Officer whose residence is other than the State of Alaska and moves his or her legal residence within the State of Alaska, then the Deck Officer will be entitled to reimbursement for moving expenses in accordance with the State Administrative Manual. Such changes of residence must occur within three (3) years of the Deck Officer's initial bid award unless required by the Employer.

## **RULE 13 - VISITATION**

Prior to conducting Union Business, Authorized representatives of the Union shall, as a courtesy, notify the AMHS Operations Manager, or designee. The Union representative will sign in and receive a visitor's pass and notify the Master or the deck officer on watch before being allowed to go on the Employer's property and on board vessels while in port covered by this Agreement. Passenger Trip passes for authorized Union representatives, limited to no more than two (2) per calendar year, for traveling aboard the vessel shall be issued by the General Manager or designee upon request. The Union agrees that the Employer is absolved from all claims resulting from any accident involving such representatives while on the property or on board vessels of the Employer. No individual or group of Deck Officers will be interrupted in their work.

## **RULE 14 - SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

**14.01** If a difference or dispute arises over the correct interpretation or application of this agreement between the Union or the Deck Officers covered herein and the Employer, the Union or the aggrieved Deck Officer(s) shall use the following procedure as the sole means of settling said controversy:

**STEP ONE:** An aggrieved Deck Officer shall first attempt to settle the complaint or grievance through discussion with the Port Captain.

Failing to resolve the dispute, the Deck Officer shall reduce the grievance to writing and submit it to the Union as soon as possible. Settlements reached at this step shall be consistent with the provisions of this contract and with policies and regulations of the Employer. As an exception to the above, any dispute by a Deck Officer alleging an error in his or her paycheck shall be initiated by filing a Notice of Pay Problem with the Employer, who shall then respond to the Deck Officer in writing within fifteen (15) working days.

**STEP TWO:** If a dispute is unresolved at Step One the grievance must be presented in writing by the Union to the System General Manager, Alaska Marine Highway System, within fifteen (15) working days after the response in Step One is due or received, whichever is the earliest. The Union may enter general

grievances at this step without having to utilize Step One. The System General Manager, Alaska Marine Highway System, may arrange a hearing in the dispute, but in any event shall render a decision in writing within fifteen (15) working days from receipt of the Step Two filing.

STEP THREE: If a dispute over the correct interpretation or application of this Agreement is not resolved at Step Two, the Union may appeal the dispute in writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities within fifteen (15) working days after the Step Two decision is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities or designee shall respond in writing to the Union within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the appeal.

STEP FOUR: In the event a grievance which has been considered in Step Three is not resolved at Step Three, the Union may appeal it in writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Administration within fifteen (15) working days after the response from Step Three is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Commissioner of the Department of Administration or designee shall respond in writing to the Union within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the appeal.

STEP FIVE: If a dispute over the correct interpretation or application of this Agreement remains unresolved after being timely processed through the preceding steps, it shall proceed to binding arbitration if either party so requests by written notice to the other party within forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of the response of the Commissioner of the Department of Administration required under Step Four. Such request shall specify which Rule or Rules are alleged to have been violated.

**14.02** Within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement the Employer and the Union shall jointly request from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service the names of seven (7) qualified arbitrators. Thereafter, on each occasion requiring an arbitrator, the parties will promptly select the arbitrator by alternately striking names from the list until only one name remains. The party requesting arbitration shall strike the first name. The last name remaining on the list shall be the arbitrator, and arbitration shall commence on a date to be selected by Agreement of the arbitrator and the parties. The arbitrator shall issue a decision and award in writing within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of the hearing, which decision and award shall be final and binding on each of the parties. The arbitrator shall have no authority to rule contrary to, amend, add to, subtract from or eliminate any of the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall have the power to return a grievant to employee status with or without restoration of back pay or mitigate the penalty as equity suggests under the facts. Should either party fail or refuse to abide by the decision of the arbitrator, the other party shall be free to petition to the Labor Relations Agency for enforcement of the agreement.

**14.03** In any arbitration proceeding held pursuant to this Rule the expenses incident to the services of the arbitrator shall be borne entirely as designated by the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall assign such expense to the losing party. If, in the opinion of the arbitrator, neither party can be considered the losing party, then such expenses shall be apportioned as in the arbitrator's judgment is equitable.

#### **14.04**

(A) To qualify for consideration under the grievance procedure set forth in this Rule, any dispute must be brought to the attention of the Employer through the Union in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence of the disputed action, or of the date the Deck Officer is made aware of the action, whichever is later.

(B) The appeal of a dismissal, demotion, or suspension must be brought to the attention of the Employer through the Union in writing within fifteen (15) working days of the date the Deck Officer is notified of the action. Any grievance resulting from the dismissal, demotion or suspension of a Deck Officer who has, at the time of the disputed action, established seniority pursuant to Rule 26 of this Agreement shall be entered into the procedure at Step Two.

(C) Prior to using the grievance procedure, pay complaints must first be submitted on forms provided by the Employer entitled Employee Notice of Pay Problem (NOPP) within thirty (30) calendar days after the issue date of the pay warrant in question. It shall be the Deck Officer's responsibility to complete the form with full details of the complaint and to insure that the Union receives a copy of the NOPP. The Employer shall respond within fifteen (15) working days from the Employer's receipt of the NOPP and a copy of the response shall be sent to the Union. Should the response not be satisfactory to the Deck Officer and the Union, a grievance must be entered at Step Two under Rule 14.01 within fifteen (15) calendar days after the NOPP response is due or received, whichever is earlier.

**14.05** Written grievances at Steps One through Four shall be processed on forms provided by the Employer and shall, at all levels of the grievance procedure, cite specific rules alleged to have been violated, and shall contain, as a minimum, sufficient information to determine the issues and relief sought. All time limits expressed herein may be extended by mutual Agreement of the parties, but it is understood that time is of the essence and that grievances not timely appealed are considered moot.

#### **14.06 COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

A complaint is defined as: the appeal of the discharge or discipline of a probationary employee who has not established seniority as a Deck Officer. The following shall be the sole means for settling complaints.

(A) A complaint must be brought to the attention of the Employer consistent with the procedures set forth in this Rule within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the action or inaction or the date the Deck Officer is made aware of the action or inaction, whichever is later.

(B) Date of receipt of a complaint or response shall be either seven (7) calendar days following date of postmark or the date of a signed verification of receipt.

Allotted time frames may be extended by mutual agreement.

(C) Complaints shall be processed on forms provided by the Employer and agreed to by the Union.

(D) The complaint will state the facts from which it arises, the rules, procedures, or conditions which should be considered and the remedy. Adjustments to complaints shall not conflict with this Agreement or applicable written policies, laws or regulations.

(E) Appeals shall be in writing with a copy of the original complaint attached.

(F) STEPS IN THE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

STEP ONE: Complaints will be presented on the provided forms by the Union to the AMHS System General Manager. The System General Manager shall respond in writing to the Union within ten (10) working days from receipt of the Step One complaint.

STEP TWO: Failing to resolve the complaint at Step One, the Union may appeal the complaint to the Commissioner of Transportation and Public Facilities within ten (10) working days after the response from the System General Manager is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Commissioner of Transportation and Public Facilities shall respond in writing within ten (10) working days from the receipt of the Step Two filing.

STEP THREE: If the complaint is unresolved at Step Two, the Union may appeal the complaint to the Commissioner of Administration within ten (10) working days after the response at Step Two is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Commissioner of Administration shall respond in writing within fifteen (15) working days from the receipt of the Step Three filing.

The decision of the Commissioner of Administration is final and shall settle the matter.

**14.07** There shall be no strikes, lockouts, sympathy strikes, slowdowns or stoppages of work during the term of this Agreement, it being the intent of the



Employer and the Union that all disputes be settled in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding this, however, no Deck Officer working under this Agreement shall be required to board any vessel of the Employer which is being picketed by any union in connection with a lawful primary strike sanctioned by the Vice President of the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region.

## **RULE 15 - WORKING CONDITIONS**

**15.01** The Employer will furnish without cost to each Deck Officer holding U.S. Coast Guard licenses an insurance policy providing for Loss of License Indemnity for service aboard an AMHS vessel. The Employer will notify the Deck Officer in writing when said coverage is initially provided or renewed. Upon renewal, the Employer will provide the Union a list of Deck Officers who had coverage renewed or initially provided.

### **15.02 LEGAL INDEMNIFICATION.**

Upon request, the Employer agrees to provide for the legal defense of a Deck Officer in any civil action brought against the Deck Officer as the result of the Deck Officer's performance of, or failure to perform, his or her duties, and to indemnify and hold harmless such Deck Officer from any judgment levied against him or her in any such civil action, subject to the following conditions:

If the Employer determines that the Deck Officer is guilty of willful misconduct, the Employer shall notify the Deck Officer of this determination. The Deck Officer may then obtain legal representation of his or her choosing and at his or her expense and may bring the Employer into the action as third-party defendant.

If it is determined by the court that the Deck Officer is not guilty of willful misconduct, the Employer shall indemnify the Deck Officer for all costs and for actual attorney's fees stemming from the action, as well as for any judgment rendered against the Deck Officer. If it is determined by the court that the Deck Officer is guilty of willful misconduct, the Deck Officer shall bear the costs and attorney's fees, as well as any judgment rendered against the Deck Officer.

The Deck Officer must request, in writing and within ten (10) days of the service of the Summons and Complaint on the Deck Officer, that the Employer provide the legal defense services available under this rule. The submission date of the Deck Officer's request shall be established by its postmark, and a failure to submit a written request within the required ten (10) days shall relieve the Employer of any obligation under this rule. The Employer shall select which attorney will represent the Deck Officer, and if the Deck Officer objects to the

attorney selected by the Employer, he or she may obtain another attorney, at personal expense.

### **15.03**

(A) The employer agrees to continued participation in the Masters, Mates and Pilots Maritime Advancement, Training, Education and Safety (MATES) Program. For this purpose, effective July 1, 2022, the Employer agrees to increase the payment to ten dollars and seventy-four cents (\$10.74) per working day. Effective July 1, 2023, Employer agrees to increase the payment to eleven dollars and four cents (\$11.04) per working day. Effective July 1, 2024, the Employer agrees to increase the payment to eleven dollars and thirty-four cents (\$11.34) per working day. Payment under this Rule shall be made to the MM&P on a basis of every two consecutive pay periods. Deck Officers shall be responsible for their own transportation and will not be paid wages during training.

(B) For Deck Officers enrolled in the Mate to Chief Mate/Master Program, and subject to the approval of the General Manager, reimbursement will be made for necessary transportation to the training facility, up to two times for each series of courses in the Program, and the Deck Officer will be paid eight and four tenths hours per day for each day spent in training. Nothing precludes a Deck Officer from attending the Mate to Chief Mate/Master Program under the terms of 15.03(A) on their own time.

(C) Reimbursement will be made for all or part of costs incurred, including necessary transportation and per diem in accordance with the Alaska Administrative Manual, for training or education required for license renewal or maintenance provided that the training or education has prior written approval of the AMHS General Manager and the Employer determines that fiscal resources for training and education are available.

Training or education shall normally be scheduled for vacation. Upon successful completion, the employee's accrued vacation shall be reimbursed for each day spent in actual instruction and in necessary travel, up to eight point four hours per day, see Rule 4.06 (B). Courses extending more than one work week are subject to cooperative Employer-employee financial and vacation arrangements, which may include the reimbursement of accrued vacation beyond seven (7) days, up to eight point four (8.4) hours per day, see Rule 4.06 (B), when approved by the Employer. The Employer's prior written approval shall specify the reimbursement, pay and leave terms and amounts.

Reimbursement for training and education for purposes other than license renewal may be approved by the System General Manager upon his finding that such training is in the interest of the Employer and determination that the necessary fiscal resources are available.

## **RULE 16 - SHIPYARD AND TERMINAL WORK**

### 16.01 WORK SCHEDULES

When vessels are tied up and sea watches are broken, such as at a shipyard or tie up terminal, those Deck Officers assigned to the vessel shall continue to follow regular workweeks and workdays in accordance with Rule 4. Rule 18.02 shall also apply. The change in work schedules from ship's sea watch time to shipyard or tie-up watches shall occur at the nearest noon or midnight that the vessel leaves or enters service. During such periods, minimum guarantee as provided for in Rule 25 shall apply. In addition, if a holiday occurs during a Deck Officers assignment, he or she will be paid at the overtime rate for the time worked, per Rule 24.02.

### 16.02 CREW REQUIREMENTS

When a vessel is in maintenance/layup status, the Employer shall determine crew requirements and publish such requirements in a transition memo. During all times a vessel is in layup or in a shipyard, the Master shall be the first crew member working aboard ship and the last crew member removed, however the Employer may assign a Master or a Master and Mate(s) to a vessel and provide off vessel housing per Rule 11. If more than three (3) unlicensed deck crew are assigned to the vessel an additional appropriate level of Deck Officers shall be assigned to the vessel.

## RULE 17 - PAY PLAN

### 17.01 PAY RATES

(A) The pay rates listed below reflect the pay rates in effect on July 1, 2021.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Hourly</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>COLD</b>
<b>Master</b>	51.19	76.79	664.40
<b>Lituya Master</b>	46.56	69.84	664.40
<b>Pilot</b>	40.96	61.44	559.19
<b>Chief Mate</b>	43.44	65.16	552.64
<b>Second Mate</b>	36.53	54.80	483.78
<b>Third Mate</b>	35.47	53.21	483.78
<b>Trainee Third Mate</b>	33.28	49.92	453.80

(B) All Ocean Relief bid positions and bid positions on ocean going vessels, including but not limited to, the M/V Tustumena and M/V Kennicott will receive Ocean Premium pay of two dollars (\$2) per hour while working on above mentioned vessels provided that the Deck Officer has an Ocean License.

Wage tables can be found at the Division of Finance website: [http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/payroll/sal\\_sched.html](http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/payroll/sal_sched.html)

(C) Effective July 1, 2022, the pay rates in effect on June 30, 2022, shall be increased by 3%.

Effective July 1, 2023, the pay rates in effect on June 30, 2023, shall be increased by 3.75%.

Effective July 1, 2024, the pay rates in effect on June 30, 2024, shall be increased based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Alaska's annual percentage for calendar year 2022 as listed on the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development website. Reference table below for COLA rate.

<b>CPI - Urban Alaska</b>	<b>COLA</b>
<b>Less than 1%</b>	0%
<b>Greater than or equal to 1% and less than 2%</b>	1.25%
<b>Greater than or equal to 2% and less than 4%</b>	2.5%
<b>Greater than or equal to 4 %</b>	5%

If the legislature should fail to fund the monetary terms of this agreement, the parties will immediately re-enter negotiations pursuant to as 23.40.070 - 260.

If an agreement is not reached within ten (10) working days thereafter, the parties shall be at impasse and both sides shall be free to take actions in accordance with as 23.40.070 - 260.

### **17.02 COST-OF-LIVING DIFFERENTIAL FOR ALASKA RESIDENTS**

(A) Pursuant to AS 23.40.210, in addition to the basic wage schedule provided in Rule 17.01(A) above, those Deck Officers who are residents of Alaska shall receive a cost-of-living differential for each pay period that they are in pay status, according to the following schedule:

<b>Job Classification</b>	<b>COLD *</b>
<b>Master</b>	\$664.40
<b>Pilot</b>	\$559.19
<b>Chief Mate</b>	\$552.64
<b>Second and Third Mates</b>	\$483.78
<b>Trainee Third Mate</b>	\$453.80

\*Per Two Week Pay Period

(B) The standard for qualification for COLD throughout the life of this contract shall be the standard which was in effect for qualification for COLD under the

prior contract, unless those standards are modified by mutual agreement of the Employer and the Union.

(C) It is agreed that the cost-of-living differential between Alaska and Seattle, which is referred to in AS 23.40.210, shall be a mandatory subject for collective bargaining and shall not be changed, modified, adjusted, re-determined, or altered in any way by the State of Alaska unilaterally; and no change shall be made without the consent and Agreement of the Union.

Cost of Living Differential (COLD) payments are a geographical differential, which reflects the difference in the cost of living in Alaska and Seattle, Washington.

An employee establishes eligibility for COLD payments by establishing and maintaining his or her primary place of abode within the State.

Proof of eligibility for COLD payments must be filed annually on a form provided by the AMHS. The Employer may require an employee to provide additional documentation to support claims of eligibility for COLD payments. It shall be the employee's obligation to notify the Employer when he or she relocates his or her principal place of abode in a manner which affects eligibility for COLD.

### **17.03 "A" DAY PAY**

All Deck Officers who achieve seniority and were hired before July 1, 2014, in accordance with Rule 26.01 will receive a payment of \$57.86 per pay period that they are in pay status. This payment is for the elimination of "A" days.

### **17.04 PAYROLL PROCEDURE**

(A) All pay shall be through direct deposit.

(B) If the employee does not receive the direct deposit on payday, or within four (4) days of the close of business on payday, the employee shall be entitled to penalty pay of forty dollars (\$40.00) for every day thereafter that the payment is late, provided the employee files notice with the Employer within the next regular day of business on forms provided by the Employer. The Employer shall provide an adequate supply of forms to each vessel and all terminal offices. Failure to provide notice to the Employer within the specified time period will forfeit claim for penalty pay until such notice is given.

(C) Pay Shortages. Pay shortages shall be paid after receipt and verification of the employee's notice in accordance with Section B above, and no later than fifteen (15) working days after verification of a written notice submitted on forms provided by the State. If not paid within the prescribed period, the penalties set forth in Section B above shall apply for any verified pay shortages greater than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Shortages of less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be paid on the next regular payday and no penalty pay shall be

paid. No payment of penalty pay on a single claim shall exceed forty dollars (\$40.00) per day, or total more than four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

### **RULE 18 - HOURS--VESSEL ON RUN**

**18.01** Except for those vessels listed in (C) of this Rule, hours on the run shall consist of either (A) or (B) of this subsection:

(A) Twelve (12) hours shall constitute a day's straight-time work. For watchstanders, the daily hours shall be divided into sea watches of six (6) hours on duty followed by six (6) hours off duty. For nonwatchstanders, twelve (12) hours shall constitute a day's straight-time work. However, the non-watchstanders' hours are not required to be continuous.

(B) Twelve (12) hours shall constitute a day's straight-time work. For watchstanders, a day's straight-time work shall consist of 8 hours of watch and four hours of non-watch work, provided that both bid-holding Masters of a vessel are in agreement and an additional third mate is assigned to the vessel. For non-watchstanders, twelve (12) hours shall constitute a day's straight-time work. However, the non-watchstander's hours are not required to be continuous.

(C) For M/V Tustumena and M/V Kennicott watchstanders, a day's straight-time work shall consist of 8 hours of watch and four hours of non-watch work. For M/V Tustumena and M/V Kennicott non-watchstanders, twelve (12) hours shall constitute a day's straight-time work. However, the non-watchstanders' hours are not required to be continuous.

**18.02** For simplicity in timekeeping the first and last days of a regular assignment shall be six hours each. Nothing in the rule precludes the payment of overtime for work beyond the work week or work day, as defined.

### **RULE 19 - MONTHLY WORK**

**19.01** Two (2) complete Deck Officer crews shall be assigned to each vessel with the workdays divided evenly during each year between the two (2) crews as nearly as practicable. Each crew will work two (2) weeks (fourteen [14] consecutive days) followed by two (2) weeks off duty, with the alternate crew relieving.

**19.02** When mutually agreed upon by two Deck Officers in equal grade, they may work seven (7) consecutive days on, followed by seven (7) consecutive days off, provided they obtain written approval of the Employer and the Vacation

Committee and the Master is informed. It is understood that no overtime will be incurred because either Deck Officer does not fulfill his or her part of the schedule while the vessel is on the run and the fourteen (14) day schedule is in effect.

Deck Officers changing from a seven (7) day schedule to a (14) fourteen day schedule when implementing a bid shall not be entitled to overtime for their regular work hours on their second workweek. Other provisions of Rule 22 shall apply.

### **RULE 20 - EMERGENCY SERVICE**

Emergency service such as collision, breakdown, standing to and rendering aid to another vessel or parties in distress shall not be considered overtime. The additional time shall be paid for only at the straight-time rate. Any late arrival at crew change ports due to such emergency service is included and the straight-time rate, to the extent of the emergency service rendered as indicated in the ship's log, shall be paid to those Deck Officers held over on duty.

### **RULE 21 - LEAVE WITHOUT PAY (LWOP)**

**21.01** Deck Officers will not be placed on LWOP unless the Deck Officer is:

- (A) Scheduled for work and does not report for work without approval;
- (B) On a scheduled vacation and does not have sufficient vacation to cover the length of a vacation;
- (C) On sick leave without sufficient sick leave or annual vacation leave to cover the absence;
- (D) On unpaid leave resulting from discipline;
- (E) On Family Leave (FMLA and /or AFLA) and the Deck Officer has either exhausted all other leave or elected to retain up to eighty-four (84) hours of annual leave to use upon return from leave taken under the FMLA and/or AFLA provision;
- (F) On approved LWOP for up to twelve (12) months;
- (G) On Worker's Compensation Leave.

**21.02** The State will consider a Deck Officer to be on regular days off when none of the conditions above have been met and the Deck Officer has not been assigned work via the published schedule or modifications thereto made by the AMHS Dispatcher.

**21.03** The provisions of Rule 37.01 shall be applied to all time and service assessments for AMHS Deck Officers.

## **RULE 22 - OVERTIME**

### **22.01 DAILY OVERTIME**

(A) Overtime shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight-time hourly rate.

(B) When a Deck Officer is called to come to work in advance of regular straight-time and overtime is extended into straight-time, or is required to work beyond normal straight-time and straight-time is extended into overtime, the minimum overtime payment shall be one (1) hour. When a Deck Officer is released from duty having completed his or her regular watch and is called back to work, the call-back overtime shall entail a minimum payment of two (2) hours, and if released with less than one (1) hour remaining before going back on watch straight-time, time shall run continuously.

### **22.02 HOLDOVER**

(A) The overtime rate shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the straight time hourly rate.

(B) Deck officers working one (1) week on one (1) week off schedule shall receive overtime for work in excess of eighty-four (84) hours of work.

(C) Deck Officers working a two (2) week on two (2) week off schedule shall receive overtime for work in excess of one hundred and sixty-eight (168) hours of work.

(D) In the event a Deck Officer is held over or reassigned to another vessel pre completion of their original assignment, they shall remain at the overtime rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) for time worked until they have had seven (7) consecutive days off. If the Deck Officer returns to work or is assigned to another ship within those seven (7) consecutive days off, they will continue to be paid at the overtime rate of time and one half (1 ½) until they have had a complete consecutive seven (7) days off.

### **22.03 NON-WATCH STANDING WATCH**

Any non-watchstanding Deck Officer who is required to stand watch will be paid overtime for those hours on watch **or hours worked due to unforeseen circumstances**. In order to receive overtime pay for the hours worked under this Rule, a Deck Officer must record start and stop times for the day to show that they have worked twelve (12) straight-time hours (as per Rule 18.01(A)) in addition to the overtime watch hours worked. Unforeseen circumstances are defined as weather, breakdown, or equipment failure, pilotage watch, crew or passenger issues.



**22.04 RETURN FROM LEAVE**

The first assignment for any Deck Officer returning for duty from prolonged sick leave, vacation (exclusive of the vacation assigned by the Scheduling Committee), or leave without pay shall commence at the straight-time rate of pay. Prolonged sick leave is defined as sick leave that covers three (3) scheduled workweeks or longer.

**RULE 23 – VACATION**

**23.01 VACATION ACCRUAL.**

The vacation accrual and eligibility for accrual of Deck Officers, shall be in accordance with 23.01(A) and (B) below.

(A) Accrual Rates. Vacation credits shall accrue according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Continuous Service</u>	<u>Vacation Accrual Hours/Year</u>
1 but less than 2	84.0
2 but less than 3	168.0
3 but less than 4	252.0
4 but less than 5	336.0
5 but less than 7	420.0
7 but less than 10	504.0
10 or more	588.0

(B) Eligibility for Accrual. Eligibility for vacation accrual shall commence once the Deck Officer has accumulated two thousand one hundred eighty-four (2,184) straight-time hours of compensation. The Deck Officer will then be considered as having one (1) year of continuous service, thereby establishing a leave anniversary date. Upon the establishment of a leave anniversary date, the Deck Officer will be credited with eighty-four (84) hours vacation. Vacation in successive years shall be at rate shown in Rule 23.01(A).

Vacation benefits awarded under this Rule will not be construed as establishing seniority, which is separately defined in Rule 26.

Once eligible for vacation accrual, a Deck Officer will be credited with one-thirteenth (1/13) of the year's vacation accrual during every two consecutive pay periods in which he or she is compensated for a minimum of eighty-four (84) hours.

### **23.02 VACATION CASH-OUT**

Deck Officers covered by this section who have vacation balances of at least one hundred and sixty eight hours (168), shall be permitted to cash out up to one hundred and sixty eight (168) hours of vacation per calendar year. The Deck Officer's vacation balance shall be reduced by the number of hours for which payment is made.

### **23.03 USE OF VACATION.**

(A) The vacation shall be taken as scheduled following notification by the Scheduling Committee. This program will provide Vacation Relief Deck Officers who shall have a schedule and relieve for vacations throughout the year, and shall not be removed from their vacation relieving schedule unless they are ill. During the annual overhaul period Vacation Relief Deck Officers must contact an active Scheduling Committee representative no later than seven (7) days prior to returning to work from vacation. It is recognized that Vacation Relief Deck Officers may be reassigned from the first (1st) day to the seventh day (7th) following the actual date of the end of the approved vacation.

(B) During periods of major layup of vessels, Deck Officers with greater amounts of vacation may be required, through joint Agreement of the Scheduling Committee, to utilize their vacation time in order to permit other Deck Officers to remain employed. In their effort to accomplish this goal, the Vacation Committee may not reduce a Deck Officer's vacation balance below one hundred sixty eight (168) hours without the consent of the Deck Officer.

(C) The Scheduling Committee will consist of six (6) members. The Scheduling Committee shall designate a chairman and shall establish its own rules and processes. The Union will select its three members each year and advise the AMHS of the committee membership. The System General Manager, Alaska Marine Highway System, will designate three (3) Employer representatives to serve as full members of the Scheduling Committee in addition to those committee members selected by the Union. The Union and the Employer shall designate one representative from each party to serve as a partial committee between full committee meetings to address any schedule changes as frequently as necessary to adjust to the operational changes or exigent circumstances.

(D) Those Deck Officers who participate on the Scheduling Committee are to receive pay at the straight-time rate of pay for actual hours worked on Scheduling Committee matters, as approved by the Operations Manager. The rate of pay shall be at the Deck Officer's regularly assigned classification. The Scheduling Committee shall meet in part or in whole as frequently as necessary to adjust to the operational changes. Meetings will be held in Ketchikan unless otherwise determined by mutual agreement.

(E) The Scheduling Committee shall have final approval of the vacation schedules and number of relief positions required and shall sign off on same

before adjournment of the Scheduling Committee. The schedule shall be published and distributed to the fleet and a copy sent to the Union within 10 days of adjournment. A Deck Officer who experiences a loss in pay resulting from the committee's action or inaction may be made whole from their vacation balance if available. At no time shall the Employer without the consent of the Deck Officer remove vacation from a Deck Officer's Vacation Balance. An employee may be recalled from approved vacation only at the written direction of the Commissioner and only for bona fide emergencies. The recall shall not be for purposes of avoiding payment of overtime.

#### **23.04 VACATION RELIEF DECK OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS**

The Vacation Relief Deck Officer's work assignment shall be as prescribed by the Deck Officer Scheduling Committee. The provisions of Rule 22 and holiday pay shall be paid as earned within the pay period.

#### **23.05 TERMINAL LEAVE.**

In case of a Deck Officer terminating services at any time after he or she has established eligibility for vacation benefits, the Deck Officer shall receive cash payment for whatever vacation that individual has accrued.

#### **23.06 VACATION PAY RATE.**

Regularly Assigned and Vacation Relief Deck Officers shall be paid for vacation at the rate of their regular assignment, or the rate of pay for the classification in which the majority of their time was worked within the preceding year. If a higher pay rate than the Deck Officer's regular pay rate is requested, the Deck Officer must note this on the vacation request. The Employer may request documentation from the Deck Officer to support the claim. Extra Relief Deck Officers shall receive the rate of the classification in which the majority of the Deck Officer's time was worked within the last year.

#### **23.07 MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF VACATION.**

Vacation accrued but not used shall accumulate to a maximum of nine hundred twenty four (924) hours on June 30 of any calendar year. If a Deck Officer has, as of June 30, an amount of vacation in excess of nine hundred twenty four (924) hours, the excess shall be deducted from the Deck Officer's vacation balance and paid to the Deck Officer at the rate of pay defined in Rule 23.06, in a lump sum payment no later than the second pay period in July of each year. However, if circumstances cause the Employer to refuse a Deck Officer's timely request for vacation, the amount of vacation refused will be carried over.

#### **23.08 COURT LEAVE.**

(A) A Deck Officer who is called to serve as a juror or is subpoenaed as a witness shall be entitled to court leave provided that he or she would have been working aboard a vessel of the Alaska Marine Highway System. Deck Officers must notify the personnel section within ten (10) days of notice and prior to jury service in order to be eligible to use court leave. Court leave shall be in the form

of straight-time pay for the hours of work missed due to service as a juror or witness at the pay rate which would be appropriate if the Deck Officer were on vacation. To receive pay for court leave, the Deck Officer must turn over to the Alaska Marine Highway System all moneys received from the court as compensation for service as a juror, or any moneys received as compensation for service as a witness. Claims for court leave must be supported by written documents such as a subpoena, Marshall's statement of attendance and compensation for service, per diem and travel.

(B) Employees will only receive court leave pay from the AMHS for the actual time that they are physically unable to work because they either have not been excused or have been selected and physically serve on a jury, or as a witness. In all cases, the individual must present proper documentation in accordance with Rule 23.

In order to assure pay during the time involved with court duty, employees should submit a request for annual leave for the affected pay period(s) and accrual balance adjustments will be made when the verification documents are given to the personnel of the AMHS.

(C) Seniority shall accrue while the employee is on paid court leave for the time absent from work provided the employee was eligible for assignment based on his or her seniority.

### **23.09 UNION BUSINESS LEAVE.**

(A) All Deck Officers shall donate twelve (12) hours of vacation on April 1 of each year provided that the Deck Officer's balance is at least twelve (12) hours. Such vacation shall be converted to dollars at the vacation pay rate of the donor and transferred to the Union Business Leave Bank. Withdrawal requests from the Bank will be for purposes of contract negotiations, executive meetings, training sponsored by the Union and other purposes as may be determined by the Vice President of the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region. Requests for withdrawal from the Bank shall be made only by the Vice President, or his designee to the Director of Labor Relations on forms mutually agreed on by the parties and furnished by the Union. All vacation transferred to the Bank is final and not recoverable for re-credit to an individual's vacation account.

The request form shall include hours and dates for which the MM&P member is requesting withdrawal for the Union Business Leave Bank. The dates and hours requested by the MM&P member may be for any time spent on Union activities and which are approved by the International Order of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region Vice President or his designee on the appropriate forms.

For hours requested on dates which do not coincide with a MM&P member's scheduled work week(s), the member shall receive only a cashout for the hours

requested from the Union Business Leave Bank. The cash-out shall be treated in the same way as a cash-out of the member's personal vacation leave hours.

Upon receiving a completed, signed request from the MM&P Vice President or his designee and after determining that sufficient funds are in the Union Business Leave Bank to process the request, the State shall then complete the transfer of funds from the Union Business Leave Bank into either leave hours to be added to the individual member's leave balance account or as a cash-out of the hours requested.

(B) Deck Officers shall be allowed to voluntarily donate vacation to the Union Business Leave Bank, subject to the following procedures and conditions:

1. Each Deck Officer wishing to donate vacation will fill out, date and sign a vacation request showing the amount of vacation he or she wishes to donate.

2. Each such vacation request will have written or typed along the bottom, "Vacation donation to International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region, Union Business Leave Bank."

3. International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region, will deliver all such vacation requests to the Alaska Marine Highway System. The vacation hours shall then be converted to dollars at the hourly rate of the donor and be transferred to the Union Business Leave Bank.

4. The Employer will not be responsible for the collection, or any statements made in relation to the collection, of said donations.

5. All donations are final and not recoverable for recredit to the donor's account.

6. It is understood that such voluntary vacation donations are in addition to the mandatory vacation donation required under Rule 23.09(A).

(C) The release of Deck Officers from duty for Union business leave shall be handled on the same basis as release for vacation. Approval for such release shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Employer.

(D) The Employer shall provide the Union with a statement reflecting the Union Business Leave Bank balance when requested by the Union.

### **23.10 REQUESTS OUTSIDE OF SCHEDULING**

When a Deck Officer presents a vacation request to the Employer at least ninety (90) calendar days in advance of the proposed starting date, the Employer shall

have forty-five (45) calendar days in which to approve or disapprove the request. Such requests shall not be unreasonably rejected and the Employer shall provide written reasons for any such rejections to the Employee and the Union. Vacation dates approved under this Rule shall not be revised until all other alternatives have been exhausted. This Rule applies to vacation requests received outside the Scheduling Committee.

### **23.11 VACATION CREDIT FOR PILOTAGE ENDORSEMENTS.**

Both the Employer and the Union recognize the need for all Deck Officers to have U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) pilotage endorsements on their licenses for areas in which AMHS vessels sail. Both parties also recognize the need for new Deck Officers to obtain their pilotage endorsements as quickly as possible. In recognition of the efforts and time it takes to complete these endorsements, the following shall apply:

A. Effective July 1, 2022, when a Deck Officer successfully completes a USCG pilotage exam and has a pilotage endorsement placed on his or her license for any pilotage area that covers a route sailed by an AMHS vessel, that Deck Officer will have twenty-four (24) hours added to his or her vacation leave balance.

B. When a pilotage endorsement for a route is completed, the Deck Officer shall submit a copy of the pilotage endorsement and a timesheet to the Port Captain's office. The Port Captain's office will verify the pilotage endorsement and for each and every completed pilotage endorsement that covers a route sailed by an AMHS vessel, the Port Captain's office will submit a timesheet with the pilotage endorsement attached with the notation "Please credit the following hours to the Deck Officer's vacation leave balance." The Port Captain's office will sign the timesheet and submit it to the AMHS Payroll office for adjustment of the Deck Officer's vacation leave balance.

## **RULE 24 - HOLIDAYS**

### **24.01 OBSERVED HOLIDAYS**

The following holidays shall be recognized holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Seward's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Alaska Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, or other days as may be declared as legal holidays by the Governor of Alaska.

## **24.02 HOLIDAY PAY**

(A) All holidays will be paid at the twelve (12) hour rate. In addition, if a holiday occurs during a Deck Officers assignment he or she shall be paid at the overtime rate for actual hours worked.

(B) For purpose of this section only, actual hours of work on crew change day will be considered to be six (6) hours.

(C) If a holiday falls on the Deck Officer's scheduled time off, he or she shall receive a day's Holiday Pay.

(D) Should a holiday occur while the Deck Officer is on sick leave and during a week which would have been the Deck Officer's normal workweek, the Deck Officer shall receive Holiday Pay and such hours will not be charged to sick leave.

## **24.03 HOLIDAY PAY STATUS**

A Deck Officer will be credited a holiday for pay purposes when said Deck Officer is in pay status within fourteen (14) days of the holiday. To be a "Deck Officer" for this section, he or she must have been hired prior to the holiday, and must not have terminated before the holiday.

## **24.04 OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAYS**

A designated holiday will normally be observed on the calendar day on which it falls. Crewmembers working in more than one bargaining unit during a workweek in which a holiday falls will only receive holiday pay and/or holiday overtime pay once for each holiday listed in 24.01.

## **24.05 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY**

Effective July 1, 1996, Lincoln's Birthday shall be considered a floating holiday. On the day of the holiday, each member eligible for a holiday in accordance with Rule 24.03 shall have their annual leave account credited with one day of leave.

## **RULE 25 - MINIMUM GUARANTEE**

**25.01** All Deck Officers working regular assignments as a part of the crews shall receive in wages not less than eighty-four (84) times the basic straight-time rate for each two (2) week pay period. Holiday Premium Pay and Holiday Pay during assigned time off shall be paid in addition to the guarantee. Deck officers working regular assignment of 168 hours shall receive the basic straight time rate of pay for the respective pay period, so that in two consecutive pay periods he or she shall receive a total of 168 hours of compensation.

## **25.02 VACATION RELIEF DECK OFFICERS**

An audit will be provided to Vacation relief Deck officers by the Employer on or before March 1 and August 1 of each year. The audit will ensure that the Employer has met the 1092 Minimum Guarantee entitlement.

**25.03** Lituya Relief Masters will receive minimum guarantee as specified in 25.01.

## **RULE 26 - SENIORITY**

**26.01** Deck Officers who have completed twelve (12) months of service shall establish seniority with the Employer. There shall be three (3) separate seniority rosters as follows: A Deck Officers' Seniority Roster to be used for determining the respective rights of all Deck Officers; and a Masters' Seniority Roster and a Chief Mate's Seniority Roster.

(A) Any Deck Officer having twelve (12) months or more service as a Deck Officer will be placed on the Deck Officers' Seniority Roster commencing with the first day of employment as a Deck Officer under this Agreement.

(B) The Master's Seniority Roster shall include all Deck Officers who have been promoted to and established seniority as Master by bid award and are serving in a bid position as Master or Pilot. All Masters or Pilots shall be placed on the Deck Officers' Seniority Roster after having completed nine (9) months of service. A Master shall establish seniority as Master and will be placed on the Masters' Seniority Roster, retroactive to the date of the close of bid vacancy notices (as described in Rule 26.04 of this agreement) after completion of ninety (90) working days in a bid position as Master. In the case of a promotion to Master, the Deck Officer will not receive pay as per Rule 26.03 for the Master position until they have actually worked in their bid position.

(C) The Chief Mates' Seniority Roster shall include all Deck Officers who have been promoted to and established seniority as a Chief Mate by bid award and are serving in a bid position as Chief Mate. A Chief Mate shall establish seniority as Chief Mate and will be placed on the Chief Mates' Seniority Roster, retroactive to the date of the close of bid vacancy notices (as described in Rule 26.04 of this agreement), after having completed ninety (90) working days in a bid position as Chief Mate. In the case of a promotion to Chief Mate, the Deck Officer will not receive pay as per Rule 26.03 for the Chief Mate position until they have actually worked in their bid position.

(D) Deck Officers, Masters and Chief Mates who are employed on the same date shall have their seniority determined by lot.

(E) For purposes of this Rule, a month's service shall be defined as having been compensated for a minimum of eighty-four (84) straight-time hours worked in a calendar month. In computing a month's service, a workweek which commences in one (1) calendar month and ends in another shall be credited to



the month in which the workweek began unless the employee has been compensated for eighty-four (84) hours of work by the end of the calendar month in which the assignment began. In such cases the hours compensated in the following month shall be credited to that month for the purpose of computing service.

**26.02** The seniority rosters will be revised in June of each year and shall be open for correction for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of posting upon presentation of proof of error in writing by any Deck Officer or designated representative. Any seniority date that is not protested within sixty (60) days from date of its first appearance on the seniority roster will not thereafter be subject to protest, except for correction of typographical error. The Union shall be furnished copies of such rosters. If the need arises, seniority rules may be amended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union and if the rules are amended, the Employer shall publish revised rosters and provide copies to the Union and to each Deck Officer. In application of seniority the Union shall administer and decide any dispute. Disputes that arise involving the Employer shall be processed through the disputes procedure under Rule 14. Grievances that involve only the Union shall be resolved through the procedures set forth in the Union's Constitution and by-laws.

**26.03** In reducing or increasing personnel, seniority as indicated by the Deck Officers' Seniority Roster shall govern, and when layoffs become necessary, the last Deck Officer hired shall be the first laid off. When Deck Officers are called back to service, the last laid off shall be the first restored to work. Transfers between vessels or terminals and travel in exercising seniority retention rights will be at the Deck Officer's expense and the overtime pay rules will not apply.

In the event a senior Deck Officer is temporarily assigned to a grade reduction, he or she shall receive the rate of pay for his or her regular permanent position. However, in the event of a reduction in force, Deck Officers shall be paid at the rate of their resultant assignments.

**26.04** When a regularly assigned Deck Officer's position becomes vacant, the position shall be filled by written request on the basis of Deck Officers seniority for all regularly assigned positions except Chief Mate and Master. The employer shall serve notice of all such vacancy within fifteen (15) days. Notice shall be posted on each vessel, at the Ketchikan Office, and the Union shall be notified. Request for assignment will be accepted for thirty (30) days from the date of notification of a vacancy. The position will be filled no later than the fifteen days following this period. The assignment will then be implemented on the next Deck Officer's assignment schedule or in any event within four months. If a vessel is in an extended shipyard or lay-up period, defined as a period exceeding four months, implementation of the bid may be delayed until the vessel returns to service.

In the event that the Employer believes any Deck Officer, except Master (See Rule 26.06), to be unacceptable for a position for which such Deck Officer has submitted a request, the Employer may reject such Deck Officer's request. The Employer will promptly notify the Deck officer or the Union of the reasons of this rejection, upon written request from the Deck Officer or the Union. Any Deck Officer whose request for consideration is so rejected shall have the absolute right to protest such rejection under the provisions of this Agreement relating to disputes, and in the event that the rejection is finally determined to have been without sufficient cause, such Deck Officer shall immediately be accepted for the position for which he or she was rejected, and reimbursed for any wages lost due to such rejection.

**26.05** Whenever a Chief Mate's position becomes vacant, those Deck Officers on the Chief Mates' Seniority Roster, who are qualified and competent, shall be afforded the opportunity to transfer. The Port Captain shall consult the Master of the vessel before selecting a Deck Officer to fill the Chief Mate's position. In determining assignments in accordance with this Rule, Chief Mate seniority, as determined by the Chief Mates' Seniority Roster, shall be given full consideration. If a Deck Officer is denied a transfer, the Deck Officer may file a grievance under Rule 14.

In the case of a promotion to any Chief Mate position, the position shall be filled by written request in accordance with Rule 26.04.

**26.06** When a Master's position becomes vacant, those persons on the Masters' Seniority Roster, and are qualified and competent, shall be afforded the opportunity to transfer. In determining assignments in accordance with this rule, Masters' seniority, as determined by the Masters' Seniority Roster, shall be given full consideration. If a Deck Officer is denied a transfer, the Deck Officer may file a grievance under the Rule 14.

Applicants whether by transfer or promotion, shall be reviewed by a Union Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members designated by the Union. The Committee shall rank the candidates and provide the list to the Employer. The Employer shall select the Master considering the Board's list. Consideration may also be given to seniority as determined by the Chief Mates' Seniority Roster.

If the Committee disagrees with the Employer's selection the Union may contest the decision. If the Union contests the decision the dispute will be submitted to an arbitrator. The arbitrator's decision shall be limited to considering whether the Employer acted in an arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory manner. The arbitrator shall not substitute his/her judgment for that of the Employer. The arbitrator, if he/she finds against the Employer, shall be limited to ordering a new selection process.

**26.07** Except for promotion from Third Mate to Second Mate, all promotions shall result in a probationary period of ninety (90) working days.

**26.08** Whenever a Deck Officer who has established seniority with the Employer is transferred from a vessel to a management position or is elected or appointed to a full-time Union position, he or she shall continue to accrue seniority.

**26.09** Deck Officers may be granted leaves of absence limited, except in cases of physical disability, for a period of six (6) months in any calendar year without the loss of seniority. Retention of seniority during a longer leave of absence may be arranged for by agreement between the Employer and the Union. Leaves of absence will not be granted to Deck Officers to work in other industries unless mutually agreed to between the Employer and the Union.

**26.10** Seniority shall be terminated and the Employer-employee relationship shall be severed by the following conditions:

1. Discharge for cause.
2. Continuous layoff of twelve (12) months duration.
3. Resignation.
4. Failure to return from leave of absence, vacation or seasonal layoff on agreed date, emergencies excepted, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both the Union and the Employer.

## **RULE 27 - HEALTH AND WELFARE**

- A. The Union will provide an employee-directed health insurance plan through a health insurance trust. This insurance program may be funded by both Employer and employee contributions.
- B. Effective July 1, 2022, the Employer contribution to the health insurance plan shall be increased to one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1700) per eligible employee per month.
- C. Effective July 1 of each of the following years of this agreement, the Employer contribution to the health insurance plan will be one thousand seven hundred (\$1700) per eligible employee per month but no less than the cost necessary to maintain coverage under the Select Benefits Default/Economy Plan, whichever is greater.
- D. Effective August 1, 2014, contributions to the MM&P health insurance plan will be made for deck Officers who were in pay status for eighty-four (84)

hours or more in the two consecutive, completed pay periods before the first of each month.

- E. Eligible employees shall pay by payroll deduction any difference between the employer contribution and the total premium required to provide the health care coverage for the employee, spouse and dependents.
- F. Under no circumstances shall the State be responsible for the payment of any benefits under the health and welfare plan or plans administered by the Union or its agents, successors, or assignees. No disputes under or relating to such benefits shall be subject to the grievance arbitration procedure in the collective bargaining agreement except an allegation that the Employer failed to make the agreed upon contributions.

The Union agrees and undertakes to assure that any alternative insurance plan or health and welfare plan implemented under this agreement is in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

The State is not a party to, and has no obligations arising under such a plan. However, the State does recognize and acknowledge that the prompt and accurate payment of contributions is essential to the maintenance of the plan.

The parties acknowledge that discrepancies between employee eligibility and corresponding contributions will frequently arise and may exist in any month. The parties will exercise all due diligence in reconciling contributions and eligibility on a monthly basis, including adjustments of overpayments and underpayments as may be necessary.

- G. At the request of either party, this Rule may be reopened during the term of this Agreement for the express purpose of dealing with the effects of national health care legislation.

## **RULE 28 - PENSIONS AND POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS**

**28.01** The Deck Officers shall enjoy the retirement benefits as outlined in the applicable statutes relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

**28.02** The parties agree that they will continue to participate in the Northwest Marine Retirement Trust (NMRT) for the sole purpose of permitting Deck Officers with service prior to the effective date of this Section, to vest under the NMRT. The Employer agrees to pay six dollars (\$6.00) per Deck Officer per year as the cost of maintaining such participation.

**28.03** In order to provide for the post-retirement health coverage of Masters, Mates, and Pilots members who retired from the State of Alaska under the

provisions of the Masters, Mates and Pilots' entry into the PERS, the parties agree that eligible retired employees shall have post-retirement health benefits under the terms of the PERS. The term "eligible retired employee" means a former employee of the State in the Masters, Mates and Pilots' bargaining unit (and his or her eligible dependents) who retired prior to the Masters, Mates and Pilots' entry into PERS under a pension provided by the Northwest Marine Retirement Trust, and who makes timely application for PERS post-retirement health coverage, as required by PERS.

The Employer shall be responsible for the full cost of providing this coverage. It is recognized that this cost, or any increases to it, will be taken into account in forming the economic package of the successor Agreement. In a similar manner, any increases to the cost of this coverage during the life of the successor Agreement shall be taken into account during future collective negotiations.

#### **RULE 29 - SICK LEAVE**

**29.01** Deck Officers with a minimum of six (6) months' service (an accumulation of one thousand and ninety-two [1,092] straight-time hours) shall accrue sick leave credit at the rate of fifteen (15) hours for each completed month of service.

**29.02** Each Deck Officer's sick leave credits are terminated on the same basis as seniority credits.

**29.03** Sick leave may be claimed from the accumulated days of credit for any Deck Officer for illness or injury which incapacitates the Deck Officer to the extent that the Deck Officer is unable to perform assigned work. The Deck Officer shall notify the Employer of incapacitating illness or injury at the earliest possible time so that arrangements for a relief Deck Officer can be made.

**29.04** All sick leave claims must be accompanied by a doctor's certification to support the claim for more than five (5) consecutive days when so requested by the Operations Manager, Alaska Marine Highway System. If a sick leave claim is in conjunction with scheduled vacation, or during periods of scheduled vacation the claim must be accompanied by a doctor's certification to support the claim for more than two (2) consecutive days. This verifying statement must be presented upon the Officer's return to work, or the absence will be regarded as unauthorized and inexcusable and subject to disciplinary action. The doctor's certification is to cover the period from the date the Deck Officer became incapacitated until the date that the Deck Officer became fit for duty, disregarding the Deck Officer's scheduled crew change date. The Deck Officer shall normally be returned to duty at the next scheduled crew change date of the assigned vessel at his or her change port following the date of presentation of the

doctor's certificate. A Deck Officer may use either vacation or authorized leave without pay, at his or her option, on interim days between scheduled crew change date and the date the Deck Officer becomes fit for duty.

**29.05 FUNERAL LEAVE.** Sick leave can be claimed for funeral attendance of deaths in the immediate family to the maximum of one hundred and sixty-eight (168) hours. "Immediate family" is defined as father, mother, husband, wife, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, father-in-law and mother-in-law. It shall be the Deck Officer's responsibility to provide evidence of such attendance.

**29.06 FAMILY LEAVE.** The parties agree that the provisions of the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the Alaska Family Leave Act (AFLA) apply to bargaining unit members.

**29.07** No sick leave may be used in excess of that accrued as of the date leave commences. Upon return to work, leave accrued during the Deck Officer's absence becomes payable.

**29.08** Accumulated unused sick leave will be paid to the beneficiary at the Deck Officer's current rate of pay when death occurs during employment and prior to retirement.

**29.09** Sick leave may be claimed when there is illness within the Deck Officer's immediate family which requires the attendance of the Deck Officer at the direction of a physician. Such absences shall in all instances be supported by a physician's certificate.

**29.10**

(A) Those individuals on leaves of absence taken in accordance with Rule 26.08 shall retain their sick leave balances in accordance with the following schedule:

- 0 - 3 years on leave--full sick leave balance
- 3 - 6 years on leave--75 percent of full sick leave balance
- 6 - 9 years on leave--50 percent of full sick leave balance
- 9 - 12 years on leave--25 percent of full sick leave balance
- 12 or more years on leave--0 percent of full sick leave balance

(B) In addition, the beneficiaries of those individuals on leaves of absences taken in accordance with Rule 26.09 will be paid the sick leave balance existing at the time of the Deck Officer's death, when death occurs prior to retirement.

## **RULE 30 - STANDARD DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

**30.01** All licensed Deck Officers will be required to wear a standard navy blue uniform with regulation gold braid, regulation uniform cap with gold braid, and Alaska Marine Highway System insignia; white cap cover, black shoes, dark hosiery, white shirt and black tie. Uniform will be clean and neatly pressed at all times, along with clean, white cap cover.

**30.02** Effective July 1, 1994, the Alaska Marine Highway System will pay the individual Deck Officer thirty dollars and seventy eight cents (\$30.78) per pay period. There shall be no deductions during periods of vacation or sick leave. Deck Officers leaving the service for any reason shall be paid a prorate portion of that amount.

**30.03** During inclement weather, Masters will wear either regular navy blue topcoat or raincoat. Mates, while loading or unloading vessels during inclement weather, may wear with the approval of Management, a regular navy blue watch jacket or raincoat.

**30.04** Management may authorize and prescribe a summer uniform if considered desirable.

## **RULE 31 - RESTRICTIONS**

It is understood that the Agreement at all times shall be applied subject to federal laws, State laws and Executive Orders to the extent that these affect the employees of the State and the public interest.

## **RULE 32 PASS PRIVILEGES**

### **32.01 PASS ELIGIBILITY**

Deck Officers with two (2) years of company seniority as per Rule 26.01 will be issued annual passes upon request for the Deck Officer and spouse, subject to the following:

(A) The Deck Officer, spouses, dependents and personally-owned vehicle shall be authorized free transportation on a space available basis only. See Rule 32.07(A) for vehicle specification. Dependent children shall be eligible for pass privileges to age nineteen (19) years old or while enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited university.

(B) The Deck Officer's vehicle shall not travel on a pass while the Deck Officer is on duty unless the vehicle is accompanying the Deck Officer's dependent(s), or with the specific approval of AMHS Headquarters office. Employees on duty shall not transport other employee's vehicle on an annual pass.

(C) Two personally owned vehicles may be listed and travel on an annual pass, but only one vehicle may travel at a time.

(D) No pass shall be used for transporting goods for resale or for any purpose other than personal use.

(E) There shall be no excessive transport of a pass-listed vehicle nor joy-riding by dependents or the Deck Officer. Any contention or confirmation of a violation of this Rule will be made known to the Union at the earliest possible time. Should the Union fail to resolve the matter immediately, Rule 32.08 shall be initiated by the Employer.

(F) In order to receive an annual pass, a qualifying deck officer must apply annually by completing an Annual Pass application form provided by the Alaska Marine Highway System and pay a one hundred dollar (\$100) annual fee.

### **32.02 MEALS AND LODGING WHILE ON PASS**

Deck Officers and/or their spouses, dependents traveling on passes will pay for all meals consumed and for berths if used at the prevailing prices paid by fare paying passengers. Meals will be taken in public dining areas and not in the crew mess. Any abuse will subject the involved employee(s) to possible discipline and loss of pass privileges.

### **32.03 ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREES**

Deck Officers who retire directly from the Alaska Marine Highway System and are receiving a PERS or NMRT pension shall receive an annual pass for themselves, their spouse, dependents under nineteen (19) years of age, and for their personally-owned vehicle. Dependents of deceased Deck Officers (whether retired or current) will continue to be eligible for pass privileges. Only one vehicle will be allowed per retirement pass. A retired employee's vehicle must be registered and licensed appropriately. Deck Officers who retire after July 1, 2014 will be required to pay a \$100 fee for an annual pass before using the pass.

### **32.04 TRIP PASSES**

All Deck Officers who have established seniority with the Employer will be entitled to trip pass privileges.



(A) Trip passes are to be used exclusively for employees who have established seniority but have not attained the 2 years to be eligible for an annual pass, except as authorized in this rule.

(B) A trip pass may be authorized for a new vehicle purchase that will be registered by the employee to be put on their annual pass, based on the requirements of Rule 32.07(A).

(C) Trip passes shall be authorized for Deck Officer's vehicles to and from a yard or lay-up period. In this circumstance the employee may also be authorized to accompany the vehicle while on duty.

(D) Trip passes may be authorized for special circumstances as determined by the employer.

### **32.05 PASS TRAVEL DATE CHANGES**

If the date of travel on an approved trip pass does not correspond with the actual date of travel, the Deck Officer and/or dependents involved must attempt to secure proper approval from AMHS headquarters. Annual pass changes and trip pass requests must be made to the Pass Desk at the Ketchikan Central office at least two days prior to the requested travel date.

### **32.06 OPEN DATES FOR PASS TRAVEL**

Open date and/or multiple date time frames for date of travel may be used at the discretion of the AMHS Headquarters on an individual basis when authorizing trip passes.

### **32.07 PERSONALLY-OWNED VEHICLE**

A Deck Officer's personally-owned vehicle is defined as: Any noncommercial vehicle less than thirty (30) feet in length. The vehicle must be registered in the name of the Deck Officer, the Deck Officer's spouse or dependent child, or the Deck Officer must sign an affidavit to the effect that it will be registered in the name of the Deck Officer, the Deck Officer's spouse or dependent child upon arrival in Alaska and that the vehicle is for the use of the Deck Officer, the Deck Officer's spouse or dependent child and is not intended for resale within a period of one (1) year. For an active employee to have a personally owned vehicle shown on an Annual Pass, it must be registered and licensed by the State of Alaska. Personally owned vehicle not licensed and registered in Alaska shall be entitled to one round trip per year.

(B) A vehicle and trailer may be transported on a trip pass basis subject to the following restrictions:

1. A vehicle and trailer length will be determined as the connected length overall. The trailer must be towed by a vehicle listed on the employee's annual pass and shall not be allowed to be transported unaccompanied. The first 30 feet will be allowed as free passage, any length over 30 feet will

be based on the current fare tariff in place for the difference between the overall length and 30 feet of total connected length of vehicle and trailer.

2. The fee charged does not provide confirmed reservations and transportation is still on a space available basis.

3. If a trailer is to be transported in accordance with this rule, the trailer is to be licensed for highway use.

**32.08** Unauthorized use of or abuse of the pass privilege shall be cause for revocation of the Deck Officer's pass and possible disciplinary action. Effective July 1, 2011, Rule 32 shall not apply to Deck Officers terminated from State employment for cause.

### **RULE 33 - MANAGEMENT CLAUSE AND UNION RIGHTS**

#### **33.01 PARTIES RIGHTS**

(A) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the Employer retains the right and duty to manage its business, including the right to adopt regulations governing the appearance, dress, conduct and work procedures of its Deck Officers as are reasonably required to maintain safety, efficiency, quality of service and the confidence of the traveling public.

(B) The Union reserves the right to intercede on behalf of any Deck Officer who feels aggrieved because of the exercise of this right and to process a grievance in accordance with Rule 14. The existence of this clause shall not preclude the resolution of any such grievance on its merits.

#### **33.02 LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(A) The parties may hold Labor Management Committee meetings quarterly or as needed. Meetings may be held by phone, video conference or in person. In addition to representatives from the Union and AMHS Management, the meetings may include other parties if mutually agreed upon.

(B) The purpose of Labor Management Committees is to facilitate communications between parties and to promote a climate conducive to Employer/Employee relations. Topics of discussion may include communications between vessel employees and shore-side; personnel actions, employee feedback, recruitment and retention issues/solutions, and other relevant topics.

(C) Committees shall have no power to contravene any provision of this Agreement, to enter into any agreements binding the parties, or to resolve issues or disputes surrounding the implementation or interpretation of the Agreement. Matters requiring a contract modification shall not be implemented until a written letter of agreement has been executed by the Union and the Employer.

No discussion or review of any matter by the committee shall forfeit or affect the time frames of any dispute resolution procedure contained in this Agreement. Issues that should be resolved through such procedures shall be referred to and handled pursuant to that procedure. Matters that are in formal litigation, including arbitration, shall not be discussed.

(D) Each party is responsible for all costs associated with the participation of their representatives, including but not limited to wages, travel, per diem, and lodging. The provisions of Rule 23.09 apply.

### **RULE 34 - DISCIPLINE**

**34.01** It is recognized the Employer has the right to discipline Deck Officers, up to and including dismissal, for just cause.

**34.02** Certain offenses shall be grounds for immediate discharge including, but not limited to: drinking alcoholic beverages or illegal use of drugs on board during the Deck Officer's workweek, or reporting to work under the influence, theft or willful destruction of State property, insubordination, excessive absenteeism, falsifying records, leaving the vessel without being properly relieved or without permission of their department head.

**34.03** All licensed Deck Officers will be required to be tested for illegal substance use prior to hiring, on reasonable suspicion, after a serious marine incident, and randomly on a periodic basis. If an employee tests positive, he or she will be suspended from duty without pay or benefits pending an investigation and may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. If an employee tests positive, the employee may, at their option, request that the second sample of the split specimen be tested at a different approved lab in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR, Subtitle A). If the USCG revokes an employee's documents, the employee will be terminated.

The Employer will consider applications for employment from a former employee discharged for a positive drug test who has completed a drug rehab program and regains USCG documents.

## **RULE 35 - CONDITIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED**

In the event operating conditions or service requirements arise due to length of voyage or other reasons not specifically covered by Agreement, the parties agree to confer immediately for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory supplemental covering such operations.

## **RULE 36 - SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY**

If any Rule of this Agreement or any Addendums thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal or body of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any Rule should be restrained by such body or tribunal, the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a replacement of such rule.

## **RULE 37 - TERM OF AGREEMENT**

**37.01** This Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2022, except where otherwise provided, and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2025 and shall be automatically renewed from year-to-year thereafter unless either party gives written notice to the other of its desire to amend or terminate same during the period from February 1, 2025, to April 1, 2025, or, in the event of automatic renewals, during the period from February 1, to April 1, of any subsequent year. Automatic renewals pursuant to this Rule shall not conflict with AS 23.40.210.

**37.02** The parties recognize that any monetary provisions of this Agreement are subject to legislative appropriation in accordance with AS 23.40.215. Therefore, terms of this Agreement which require legislative appropriation shall not be implemented until an appropriation, adequate and for the specific purpose of funding this Agreement, becomes law.

**37.03** The parties acknowledge that implementation of the monetary terms of this Agreement is subject to AS 23.40.215. If legislation required by AS 23.40.215 is not passed by the end of the legislative session, or if such legislation is rejected by the legislature, this Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties and the parties shall immediately re-enter negotiations to be conducted in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

**Signatures on File**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**  
to the  
**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**  
between the  
**STATE OF ALASKA**  
and the  
**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS**  
**PACIFIC MARITIME REGION**

**Day Boats**

It is hereby understood and agreed between the parties that the following is intended to supplement the Master Agreement entered into between the State of Alaska and the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region, and is intended to amend that Agreement only in regard to issues unique to day boats (excluding the M/V Lituya and any vessels in existence on July 1, 2022, that are not operating as a day boat). If/When Crew Quarters are added to the M/V Tazlina or the M/V Hubbard, that vessel will no longer be covered under this Supplemental Agreement and will be fully subject to the Master Agreement with the exception of the ability to enter Winter Operations as specified in this agreement. The Master Agreement without this Supplement is intended to cover the entire system. The entire Master Agreement is intended to apply to the day boats unless an entire Rule or a Subsection of a Rule is specifically modified, amended, or otherwise superseded by this Supplemental. The Master Agreement is not modified other than as specifically addressed in the day boats Supplemental Agreement.

It is understood between the parties that this Supplemental has been negotiated to address specific service needs for the day boats. The parties' intent is to address the needs and safety of the traveling public and the Deck Officers working this service. Due to the unique nature of the service, the parties acknowledge there may be unforeseen issues or problems that may emerge or develop during running of this service and agree to meet as soon as possible in order to address such issues or problems.

**The home port of one ACF shall be Juneau, Alaska.**

**Rule 8 – Health and Safety**

**8.07** There are no quarters aboard the day boats. When a Deck Officer not holding a bid position aboard a day boat is assigned to work on a day boat, the provisions of Rule 12 shall apply.

**Rule 9 – Occupational Injury and Illness Benefits**

**9.01 Unearned Wages:** In the event a crewmember becomes ill or is injured while in the service of a day boat, he/she will receive wages to the end of the workday. In the event that a crewmember becomes injured while in the service

of a day boat, and a report is filed and not successfully controverted, he/she will be entitled to wages for three working days or less, if not later compensated.

**Rule 11 – Cash Allowance for Subsistence and Quarters**

**11.01** When a Deck Officer is in work status, and remains away from the assigned change port overnight or nights, he/she shall be entitled to quarters allowance in accordance with 11.01 of the Master Agreement.

**11.02** When a Deck Officer is in work status, and is away from the assigned change port for two (2) hours or more outside normal duty hours, they shall be entitled to meal per diem in accordance with Rule 11.02 of the Master Agreement until the employee is returned to the home port or the employee is assigned to a vessel upon which meals and quarters are provided, whichever comes first.

**Rule 18 – Hours—Vessel on the Run**

**18.01** Twelve (12) consecutive hours shall constitute a day's work. All work in excess of the twelve (12) consecutive hours shall be compensated at the overtime rate and the provisions of Rule 22 shall apply.

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PACIFIC MARITIME REGION  
**M/V Lituya**

It is hereby understood and agreed between the parties that the following is intended to supplement the Master Agreement entered into between the State of Alaska and the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region and is intended to amend that Agreement to cover the issues unique to the M/V Lituya. The entire Master Agreement is intended to apply to the M/V Lituya unless an entire Rule or a Subsection of a Rule is specifically modified, amended, or otherwise superseded by this Supplemental.

**RULE 4 – DEFINITIONS**

**4.02 Regularly Assigned Positions.** The Master position aboard the M/V Lituya which is filled in accordance with Rule 26 of the Master agreement.

**4.05 Workweek**

The M/V Lituya bid Master will have a 42 hour workweek.

**4.06 Workday**

Workday means a fixed and regularly recurring period of 24 consecutive hours. The normal workday shall not exceed 12 hours.

**4.07 Regular Assignment** shall mean

(B) Underway the M/V Lituya bid Master will have a 42 hour workweek within a consecutive five-day period.

**RULE 8 – HEALTH AND SAFETY** Rule 8.02 does not apply to the M/V Lituya.

**RULE 12 – RELIEF TERMINAL**

**12.01.** The change port shall be Metlakatla. The State will make every effort to ensure that the Deck Officer holding the bid position on the M/V Lituya has the

necessary residence permits to live in Metlakatla. Regularly assigned Deck Officers shall normally be relieved at the same change port where they began their duties.

**RULE 18 – VESSEL ON THE RUN**

**18.01** The normal workday shall not exceed 12 hours.

**18.02** Does not apply.

**RULE 19 – MONTHLY WORK**

Entire Rule does not apply

**RULE 22 – OVERTIME**

**Rule 22.01 (B)** Overtime shall be paid for hours worked in excess of 12 hours per day.

**Rule 22.01 (C)** When a regularly assigned deck officer has worked a regular assignment and is required to work beyond 42 hours in a workweek, they will be paid for actual hours worked in excess of 42 at the overtime rate of one and one half (1.5) times the straight-time rate of pay.

**Rule 22.02 (B)** Entire Rule does not apply.

**Rule 22.02 (C)** Entire Rule does not apply.

**Rule 22.03** Entire Rule does not apply.

**Rule 22.04** Entire Rule does not apply.

**RULE 25 – MINIMUM GUARANTEE**

Rule 25.01 of the Master Agreement applies.



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Representing the  
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**Winter Operations for the M/V Tazlina and M/V Hubbard**

It is mutually agreed between the parties that the following terms of agreement shall apply to all licensed Deck Officers employed by the Alaska Marine Highway System. All terms of the July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, Master Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

If the Employer decides to reduce operations to a four on, three off operation, the Employer will make every attempt to give the Union thirty (30) days notice of the first day of operations and the last day of operations.

The Chief Mate and Second Mate assigned to work the vessel while on the run will work four days on followed by three days off. During this time period, the Chief Mate and Second Mate working this schedule will work a 12 hour day and 42 hour work week.

When a Deck Officer assigned to a day boat has worked a regularly assigned four (4) days on and is required to work on their three days off, they shall be paid at the overtime rate of time and one-half for time worked.

The Master and Night Security Mate will work two (2) weeks (fourteen consecutive days) followed by two (2) weeks off duty with the alternate Master and Night Security Mate relieving. During this time period, the Master and Night Security Mate will work a 12 hour day and be paid in accordance with Rule 25 of the Master Agreement.

When assigned to a 4 on 3 off schedule to a port other than the vessel's home port, the crew will not be entitled to travel pay and receipted necessary travel expenses to return to the home port during those three days off unless at the direction of the Port Captain's office.

This agreement shall be in effect on July 1, 2022 and shall be coterminous with the Master Agreement.

This agreement is entered into solely to address the specific circumstances of this particular situation. It does not establish any practice or precedent between the parties. This agreement will not be referred to in any other dispute, grievance, arbitration, hearing, or any other forum, except as may be necessary for the execution of its terms.

**FOR THE STATE:**

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Kate Sheehan  
Director, DOPLR  
Department of Administration

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Date

**FOR THE IOMM&P:**

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Shannon Adamson  
Master, Mates & Pilot's  
Representative

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**Labor Relations, Payroll and Union Representative Meetings**

It is mutually agreed between the parties that the following terms of agreement shall apply to all licensed Deck Officers employed by the Alaska Marine Highway System. All terms of the July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, Master Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

Representatives from the Union, Labor Relations, Payroll and Payroll Supervisors for MMP's bargaining group, agree to meet before July 1st, 2022, to clarify intent of language in the 2022-2025 bargaining agreement with the goal being to reduce scratching of timesheets due to misinterpretation of negotiated language. The above mentioned representatives will continue to meet quarterly to address any issues that may come up and prevent further miscommunication and/or misinterpretation.

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