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PRESS RELEASE

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**HMS-PAC NAV, INC. TO HELP LAUNCH NEW PASSENGER FERRY
IN ALASKA'S KACHEMAK BAY.**

(BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA) January 7, 2010—Beginning in May 2010 a new passenger-only ferry will begin operation in Alaska's Kachemak Bay. The 150-passenger vessel, the Kachemak Voyager, will make a 15-mile trip sailing twice each day between Homer and Seldovia, providing a vital transportation link in this roadless area of the Kenai Peninsula. The vessel will operate a scheduled service mid-May through Labor Day and provide cargo service and narrated sightseeing departures in addition to regular ferry operations. The vessel will be available in the off-season for charter services and emergencies. The ferry is owned by the Seldovia Village Tribe, a federally recognized Indian Tribe that serves its members and the communities of Kachemak Bay. The vessel was constructed as part of their long-term economic development plan for the area. HMS-Pac Nav, Inc. has been working with the Tribe to help prepare the vessel and stand-up the operation in Alaska.

“We are very excited to be involved with this project; Kachemak Bay is spectacular and Seldovia is such a special community,” says Greg Dronkert, vice president of West Coast operation for HMS-Pac Nav, Inc. “In addition, there are unique aspects to this ferry service—such as the freight system—that make it particularly interesting. Plus, helping to provide safe and reliable transportation to the local communities is really fulfilling.”

All American Marine, Inc. (AAM), of Bellingham, Washington, designed and built the vessel, which features an advanced aluminum twin-hull catamaran design. Twin C32 Caterpillar ACERT engines and ZF 3000A transmissions paired with Osborne five-blade propellers supply the power. Fully loaded, the Kachemak Voyager can reach a top speed of 29 knots, however, the operating speed in Alaska will be reduced to balance fuel efficiency, desired transit times, and respect for wildlife and the environment. AAM was selected for this design-build project because of their innovation with twin-hull design and proven experience constructing specialized fishing, research, and passenger vessels for Alaska's demanding operating conditions.

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