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Commissioner John MacKinnon:

This letter is in response to the August 27, 2019 letter sent by Captain John F. Falvey, Jr. regarding the official notification that the State of Alaska would be terminating public ferry service to and from Prince Rupert, British Columbia effective October 1, 2019.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) acknowledges the fact that the State of Alaska is ending public service to and from Prince Rupert, BC Canada due to the inability to provide the required law enforcement presence as required by our agency in Prince Rupert while CBP performs their official duties. CBP originally considered and granted the State of Alaska and the Alaska Marine Highway System an extension to September 30, 2019 to meet CBP's required law enforcement coverage in Prince Rupert.

Based on the decision by the State of Alaska to cease ferry operations to/from Prince Rupert, BC Canada, CBP will suspend Prince Rupert pre-inspection operations as of October 1, 2019.

CBP requests that the Alaska Marine Highway System provide public messaging since it is now official that the Prince Rupert ferry run will not continue after September 30, 2019.

While we understand the challenge that the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) had with fulfilling our requirement of providing a law enforcement presence, CBP will always consider the safety of the traveling public and our officers first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian J. Humphrey".

Brian J. Humphrey
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