

# Marine Highway Produces \$10 Million Plus

JUNEAU — The Alaska Marine Highway produced more than \$10 million during fiscal year 1973, reaching new highs both in revenue and volume of traffic, Public Works Commissioner George W. Easley said re-

cently.

Easley said final figures for the fiscal year ending June 30 show that 218,000 passengers and 53,000 vehicles were transported by Alaska's seven vessel fleet.

This, he said, was a passenger increase of 14 per cent over 1972 and an increase in vehicles of 10 per cent.

The revenue increase was just over \$1 million above the 1972 total, reaching \$10.5 million for 1973.

Vessels in the system's Southeastern segment led the way in increasing the volume of traffic, Easley said transporting 24,000 more people and 5,000 more vehicles.

The public works commis-

sioner added that preliminary figures indicate this summer's volumes are up at least 5 per cent over the 1973 increases.

"All the personnel involved, from reservations employees to from loading and operating the ships are doing a fine job," he said.

Easley said that with two new vessels scheduled to enter Alaska Marine Highway service next year, "continued increases are projected in both volume of traffic and in earned revenues."