

Commuter airline expands in Bush

Hermens Air, a Bethel-based commuter airline serving 50 villages from four hubs, announced an expansion of its route system.

Dillingham and King Salmon will be added as hubs, serving 17 villages on a scheduled basis, as well as offering charters.

Each of the new hubs will have a new turbo prop Cessna 208 Caravan based there. These new aircraft were recently leased from MarkAir and are painted in MarkAir colors of white with burgandy trim.

An additional new Caravan on amphibious floats will be based at Dillingham during the summer. This aircraft will be able to depart from the runway, while maintaining the ability to load on lakes or rivers at villages or fishing resorts.

Hermens use of these new aircraft in MarkAir paint scheme continues their long established business relationship with MarkAir as a feeder airline. Both companies expect the relationship to continue to expand.