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WHAT'S A PUGET SOUND SUPERFERRY?

Puget Sounders will get their first ride on a superferry in July.

The biggest, fastest, most efficient double-ended ferry in the world will be assigned to the Seattle-Bremerton route July 1 in the largest cross-Sound transportation improvement project ever undertaken by the State of Washington. On that date, the MV HYAK, the first of four superferries being built for Puget Sound ferry service, will relieve the famous, old KALAKALA and at least one of the older single-ended 55-car ferries, the WILLAPA or ENETAI, which have operated on the Navy-yard route for more than 25 years.

The HYAK will accommodate 160 cars and 2,067 passengers. Her powerplant will deliver 8,000 horsepower providing a cruising speed of 20 knots. The HYAK and three sister vessels, the KALEETAN, YAKIMA, and ELWHA, are being built in San Diego by National Steel & Shipbuilding Company. The HYAK and KALEETAN are presently moored at National docks in San Diego Harbor undergoing super-structure construction. The YAKIMA will be launched May 20, about the time the HYAK begins sea-trials preparatory for movement up the Pacific coast to Puget Sound. All four 382-foot vessels will travel from San Diego to Seattle under their own power.

The \$24,000,000 project is being financed jointly by a federal grant from the Department of Housing & Urban Development made possible by the Mass Transportation Act of 1964 and a state bond resolution authorized by the Washington legislature.

All four new ferries will be in operation on Puget Sound by the end of 1967. The second vessel, the KALEETAN, will be assigned to the Seattle-Bainbridge Island route about mid-August. Puget Sound residents will get their first ride on the HYAK during the Fourth of July weekend. The trip from downtown Seattle to Bremerton takes one hour and five minutes with present ferries. The HYAK will make the trip in just 45 minutes. The present 35-minute trip to Bainbridge Island will be reduced to 25 minutes on the KALEETAN.

All four new ferries have been assigned names having Chinook Indian meanings. HYAK means "fast or speedy", KALEETAN means "arrow", YAKIMA is the name of a famous Eastern Washington Indian tribe, and ELWHA means "elk".