

Hello RBAW Members,

As we find ourselves in unprecedented times, we wanted to share some information related to Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Act related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We feel Gov Inslee's office said it best -- Bottom line: recreate as close to home as safely possible, ideally by yourself, or with only limited folks from your household. Outdoor recreation is still key to mental and physical health we just need to do it differently for the safety of everyone.

The Washington State website will provide you with important information as to what is deemed essential and what is open and closed. Click the links below for more information:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/whats-open-and-closed>

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/whats-open-and-closed/essential-business>

### **Fishing and Crabbing Closures and Restrictions**

Beginning on midnight March 25 and for at least two weeks, WDFW is closing recreational fishing and shellfishing statewide in response to the governor's order to 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' and limit the spread of coronavirus. Click the link below for more information:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/covid-19-updates>

### **WA State Parks Access**

All State Parks, DNR land and water access and WDFW land and water access areas are closed through the end of April. Click the link below for more information:

[https://www.dnr.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/amp\\_rec2020\\_rec\\_closure.pdf?f23e5ts](https://www.dnr.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/amp_rec2020_rec_closure.pdf?f23e5ts)

### **Marinas**

Per Washington State, Marinas have the right to operate and their employees are included among the essential workforce. Many Marinas are keeping some levels of operation but may have additional restrictions based upon city/county directives or their own business practices. If you have questions, we suggest you check their website or give them a call.

For those boaters who are liveaboards, full time cruisers, transients in need of safe harbor or those in need of fuel or pump outs - we've identified the below websites that are consolidating what's open in the PNW and points north. Please consider sharing any additional information you have with regards to marina services with the below websites to help keep boaters informed. Click the links below for more information:

[www.pnwsafeharbor.com](http://www.pnwsafeharbor.com)

[www.SalishSeapilot.com](http://www.SalishSeapilot.com)

### **Travel to Canada**

Effective March 21st, the U.S. and Canada will temporarily restrict all non-essential travel across the U.S.-Canada land border. The measure will be in place for 30 days, at which point it will be reviewed by both parties. The link below has more information.

<https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>

### **Additional Information**

The links below offer additional information on safety while boating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://asa.com/?s=covid>

<https://blog.dockwa.com/boating-during-covid-19-how-to-stay-safe>

If you have any questions, please email us at [info@RBAW.org](mailto:info@RBAW.org).

Thank you and please stay safe,

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