TO: Press Release
FROM: Joel G. Winborn, Director
DATE: June 30, 2020
SUBJ: Update to Parks and Fairgrounds Openings/Closures

During today’s 1:30 PM Board of Health (BOH) meeting Clallam County Health Officer, Dr. Allison Unthank, recommended that Clallam County not move to Phase 3 of the Governor’s, “Safe Start” re-opening plan. However she did make the recommendation that overnight camping be approved and allowed in the County. Previously, overnight camping was the only exception to the approval for the County to move to Phase 2. The BOH voted unanimously to approve camping in Clallam County, beginning immediately.

A special meeting by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners (BOCC) was then held at 3:30 PM. The BOCC discussed the BOH approval and then voted unanimously in approval to maintain Clallam County’s Phase 2 status, but approve overnight camping.

The following will be implemented on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

The Clallam County Parks, Fair & Facilities Department will do everything in our power to insure that our facilities are safe for use by the public and staff. Information on how you can protect yourself from illness can be found on the County’s COVID-19 website by visiting, http://www.clallam.net/Coronavirus/.

CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS: Camping reservations are now being accepted for the Dungeness Recreation Area and Salt Creek Recreation Area only.

FAIR VENDORS & USE AGREEMENTS: No facility reservations will be accepted during the month of July. Refunds will be issued to those that have paid fees for the Fair or other Fairgrounds use.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, support and patronage of our County Parks and Fairgrounds.

1. **DAY-USE PARKS: OPEN**
   All day-use parks are open for use, and serviced weekly by department staff.

   **Locations include:**
   - Panorama Vista
   - Rainshadow Disc Golf Park
   - Port Williams
   - Dungeness Landing
   - Cline Spit
   - Mary Lukes Wheeler
   - Agnew Soccer Fields
   - Verne Samuelson Trail
   - Freshwater Bay
   - Eagle Point
   - Pillar Point
   - Clallam Bay Spit
   - Clallam Bay “West” & “East”
   - Lake Pleasant
   - Fred Orr Ball Fields
   - Quillayute River

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2. **DUNGENESS RECREATION AREA (DRA): OPEN FOR DAY-USE AND CAMPING**

   Areas Open and Accessible for Day-Use and Overnight Camping Activities:
   - Voice of America Road
   - Access to DRA Trails and all day-use areas
   - Campground Loops A & B
   - Campground Restrooms & Showers
   - Portable restroom units are also available on site
   - **NOTE:** The Group Camping area is not open at this time. Contact the Parks and Facilities Office at: Phone-360.417.2291, or, Email-parks@co.clallam.wa.us, for questions or cancellations.

   The Park Manager, Seasonal Ranger and/or Park Hosts are on-site 24 hrs/day

   **Contact the Park:**
   Phone- 360.683.5847
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3. **SALT CREEK RECREATION AREA (SCRA): OPEN FOR DAY-USE AND CAMPING**

   Areas Open and Accessible for Day-Use and Overnight Camping Activities:
   - Access to SCRA Trails, shoreline and all day-use areas
   - Access to lower camping area vault toilet
   - Access to beach parking lot
   - Access to beach overflow parking areas
   - Access to beach parking lot vault toilet
   - Portable restroom units are also available on site
   - Main Gate
   - Upper and lower campground areas
   - Campground Restrooms & Showers
   - **NOTE:** The Group Kitchen area is not open at this time. Contact the Parks and Facilities Office at: Phone-360.417.2291, or, Email-parks@co.clallam.wa.us, for questions or cancellations.

   The Park Manager, Seasonal Rangers and/or Park Hosts are on-site 24 hrs/day

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   Phone- 360.928.3441
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4. **CAMP DAVID JR: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

   Areas Closed to Use:
   - The entire camp is closed and there is NO day-use

   **Areas to open at a later date:**
   - Opening date to be determined
   - Resident Ranger on-site 24 hrs/day

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   Phone- 360.928.3540
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5. **FAIRGROUNDS: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Areas Open and Accessible:
- The office will remain open but closed to public access
- Office and maintenance staff will be available 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday
- On-site caretaker on-site 24 hrs/day

Areas Closed to Use:
- All buildings/grounds to remain closed to visitor use until further notice
  - **The 2020 Clallam County Fair has been cancelled**

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