

## **2020.04.23 South Beach Boat Ramp Update**

The South Beach launch ramp (Boat Ramp) is currently closed to the general public for activities related to recreational boating.

### **The Boat Ramp is open to:**

Long Term Moorage holders (for a single launch) and,

Essential Services (Commercial Fisherman, Coast Guard, Oregon State Police, Sheriff, etc.)

### **Why is the Boat Ramp closed?,**

The Boat Ramp closing coincided with the Emergency Order by Lincoln County Resolution limiting RV parks, hotels, AirBNBs and other accommodations to those staying 30 days or more. Just as important, the Governor issued a stay at home order on March 23, 2020. This order was issued in order to protect the lives of all Oregonians and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Given the intent of the two orders, the difficulty of enforcing social distancing, and the attraction of tourists to the South Beach Marina, the Port determined it was in the best interest of the public to close the Boat Ramp.

### **When will the Boat Ramp reopen?**

The Port is unsure when the Boat Ramp will reopen. The Port is working with public officials from across the state to determine the best time to open the Boat Ramp.

### **Will the Boat Ramp be closed for Halibut Season?**

The Port is working closely with the State, including ODFW to coordinate opening of the Boat Ramp prior to or to coincide with the Halibut Season.

Please follow up for additional updates. We thank you for your patience during this difficult time. Stay safe!

<sup>1</sup> [https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/kncIBBtNTu22ep2fyvZl\\_Oregon-COVID-19-Projections-Update-2020-04-16.pdf](https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/kncIBBtNTu22ep2fyvZl_Oregon-COVID-19-Projections-Update-2020-04-16.pdf)