

GOVERNMENT CREATED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISHING GUESTS

(lodge comments or adaptations italicized)

Preparation:

Please plan for your trip. Shopping for anything you need for your trip should take place in your home community. *(as we know there is no shopping in Quatsino and everyone who comes arrives prepared but the government doesn't know this)*

As it becomes available, testing for Covid-19 before you leave your community and prior to departing for the lodge is RECOMMENDED. If you are infected you will not be allowed to travel to the lodge. *(as we know there is no covid testing for anyone who is not showing serious symptoms and there is no expectation that this is going to change. This appears to be a government just in case item)*

Facemasks are mandatory for travel (ferry and airplane) and for situations in which you cannot consistently enforce mandatory social distancing. Please bring enough facemasks for the duration of your travel. *(BC Ferries has made it mandatory to show that you have a facemask or they will not allow you to drive on. As well all airlines are requiring you to wear a facemask while traveling with them. You will need a facemask for getting from your vehicle to the boat to protect locals who may be on the dock during transit. and if multiple boats arrive at the dock at the same time. Wearing the mask is not mandatory, but having one in case someone in the vicinity is clearly nervous is what we are going for. We will be assessing each situation as it arises and adapt to the needs of the people on the dock and coming to the lodge.*

While stopping is discouraged while travelling, if you must do so you must adhere to [BCHO guidelines](#) and use a facemask. Sanitize and wash your hands before entering and leaving a business. *(please know this redundancy is coming from them, not us)*

Bring gear for any weather. *(Sharing of boots and raingear is no longer optimal. If you are driving please bring boots and rain gear for the trip so you have your own items. For those flying we will quarantine all boots and raingear between guest usage.)* We have all the gear we regularly have and are sanitizing and quarantining it after each guest use so just let us know what you need if you haven't brought it along or are not driving.

Report any symptoms of Covid - 19 to the Lodge staff immediately. *(Jean Schoenfelder or Breanna Goffman are the two designated people to respond to your needs. Please do not go to other staff. If you need to report to us upon arising early in the morning that is just fine. Someone will find us.)*

It is possible that the communities of Port Hardy and Port McNeill are unequipped or unwilling to respond to out-of-community COVID-19 cases. If symptoms arise during your stay you will be directed to seek medical advice over the phone. Be prepared to contract appropriate private transportation if you did not drive, and depart immediately for medical help or your own home for self-isolation at your

own cost. It is expected that this will be expedited to reduce or eliminate interaction with other travellers and local citizens. *(we will return you to Coal Harbour as soon as all arrangements are in order)*

Licenses will be provided by the lodge as needed. If you have completed a guest information form and returned it to the Lodge in advance you will have received your license by email. The government wants you to print it at home rather than receiving it from us here to reduce contact. If you forget to print it we will print another at the Lodge for you.

Since so many folk will be driving this year we recommend bringing your big white coolers. We will take them to the lodge, disinfect them for you and disinfect them again before you leave with your fish packed. We continue to have the styrofoam boxes available as well for those who choose to use them.

Arrival and During your Stay:

As in other years Quatsino Lodge guests arrive to the dock in Coal Harbour. This year rather than looking for your guide/boat or simply anyone wearing a Quatsino Lodge logo, please wait at the top of the dock away from locals till your guide comes for you. He may be wearing a face mask. At this time we request that you be prepared to don your face mask to get down the dock and into your boat depending on the numbers of strangers on the dock. Each group will ride on their own boat with their own guide and their bags and luggage will remain with them on their boat.

Parking for our guests is still at Sharla Pelosse's place at the top of the hill, left side of the road coming towards the Coal Harbour dock. Her phone number is 250-949-1012 for you to arrange parking or payment in advance.. After the unloading procedure your designated driver will deliver the car to the parking area and walk back to the boat. It should be easy to enforce social distancing

Guest arrival at the lodge will be staggered to the best of our ability. We are no longer able to shake your hand but know that we sincerely want to. We will gather your bags and take you to your accommodations as per normal. You will get out fishing promptly as per normal.

If you wish to request rain gear or boots please let us know in advance and we will have a set in your guest room for your use. Please each day take your rain gear or boots back to your own room. Upon departure we ask that you leave them in the room so that we can deal with them and quarantine them. Please do not leave used gear on the dock or in the hallway.

When relaxing at the Lodge and heading out for a walk please be aware of the government fears and restrictions. As we have no bars, pubs or entertainment facilities in Quatsino and the museum is closed for the foreseeable future, there are no local interactions to be concerned about. However if you are walking and you see others coming your way, simply give them space as you normally would. My apologies for having to say that outloud.

We are providing more facilities for outside distancing - extra chairs and benches and areas separated by 6 feet. The deck area will, for this summer, not be available for multiple group use. We will put extra chairs in the area to enable more use of the deck.

There will be no sharing of bathrooms this year. Each group or personal unit or couple will be assigned their own bathroom area which will be disinfected prior to the beginning of their trip. We will continue to keep things immaculately clean for you during your stay. There is a public bathroom downstairs which may be put into private use at times. If it is not, then guests can feel free to use this. It will be disinfected daily and high use surfaces will be disinfected multiple times a day. Personal cloths for single use will be provided rather than a communal towel in this location.. Guests will be left with cleaning supplies in this bathrooms to disinfect for themselves any surfaces they want to touch. We will be providing hand sanitizer in every public area for guests to use as needed. Please bring your own gloves and hand sanitizer for your personal room and bathroom. Remember soap and water are the best cleaning agents against Covid.

Face masks in the lodge will only be necessary if you cannot maintain social distancing. We will not be able to police this and if you feel uncomfortable or too close to other guests please move away or come and speak with Jean or Breanna about the situation if you cannot resolve it yourself.

Guest groups will have their table for the duration at the lodge. This means you will eat at your own table with your group and not mingle closely with the other Lodge guests. We will all be able to chat but it is going to be really strange. On each table will be the items you need for your stay i.e. S&P, napkins etc... all of which will have been disinfected prior to arrival and will remain with you throughout your stay at the Lodge. No-one other than those in your party will touch this table or the items on it.

There will be, on your table, a "morning and breakfast list". Because we are not allowed to have anything shared including trays of cookies, tea and coffee etc... we will be supplying you with a guide for us to ensure that your morning routine is uninterrupted and just as delicious as it has always been. This will include coffee needs. Your guides will be preparing your thermoses for you and that is only one of the items on our checklist. We will have a brief orientation on the use of the coffee area. :)

As all of our guests do, the government asks that you continue to keep your personal belongings in your room or on your personal dining area .

The bar area will be disinfected daily and the high use surfaces wiped several times an evening as usual. All mixers, wine bottle openers, ice chest items etc... will be disinfected daily and wiped as needed. The mini bar will be available for your beers etc... and we will try to ensure that everyone has some space in there.

On The Boat:

Boats will be disinfected prior to the starting of your trip. This will be done often at the dock in Coal Harbour as the other guests will depart and then the guide will disinfect. Please be patient with them as they try to ensure your safety. Cleaning supplies will be aboard each vessel and guests are to feel free to use them as needed. The toilets will be cleaned once a day but guests are welcome to spray and wipe them after each use and to spray and wipe any surface to their comfort level, whether or not the guide has already done so.

Our boats are large and social distancing will be the norm. However guests should bring a face mask each day for those times that social distancing cannot be enforced. Guests will need to bring their own facemasks as the lodge does not have a good source to supply them to everyone. If you want to have disposable gloves available please feel free to bring them along. We also do not have access to enough gloves even for our staff currently and cannot promise to be supplying them this summer with the shortages we are experiencing.

There will be separate coolers for the guest group and the guide. Guides no longer will dive into your coolers. It will be your territory. Please make sure you get right in there and take out everything as we have so any awesome treats in there for you and we don't want to waste anything. Fishing rods will be disinfected between groups and cleaned daily while you are staying with us.

Only Lodge staff is allowed into the kitchen or into the fish hut for this summer. The staff bathroom is off limits to any guest use and is strictly for staff use only. We want to ensure your contact areas are as minimal as possible so we respectfully request that you refrain from entering these areas for the time being and until the regulations are relaxed.

FISH PACKING: Our fish hut staff will be wearing masks on the dock should it be required to provide the social distancing some folks will need. Guests on the dock returning from their trip can consider if wearing a face mask at this time is prudent, based on the situation they encounter there. We will still be taking pictures at the dock and want to hear your stories, see your fish and enjoy your laughter. Upon departure your fish boxes will all be sanitized on the exterior.

Final Words: The government has requested and we also are requesting that should you become ill with Covid 19 within 48 hours of returning home that you would notify us immediately.

And now the government requires that I prove to them should they ask that you were informed of all this in advance of your trip. Please accept my sincere apologies for asking that you sign and date this form and return it to me via email at your earliest convenience via email.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____