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Attn: Sport Fishing Guides and Businesses,

The Division of Sport Fish, ADF&G, is informing sport fishing guides and businesses about the current travel limitations and workforce restrictions in the state of Alaska resulting from efforts to minimize the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Governor Mike Dunleavy, Division of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Commissioner Adam Crum, and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink have issued 12 Health Mandates as of March 27, 2020. These mandates can be viewed at: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>. Of greatest relevance to the sport fishing industry are Health Mandate 010 – International and Interstate Travel; Health Mandate 011 – Social Distancing; and Health Mandate 012 – Intrastate Travel. These mandates limit travel to and within Alaska, require a mandatory 14-day quarantine to persons traveling to Alaska (residents and nonresidents), and require social distancing statewide. In addition, small communities (less than 3,000 residents) off the road system may adopt travel restrictions that are more restrictive than those outlined in Health Mandate 12. This includes the ability to prohibit outside travelers to that community.

Fishing has been identified as critical infrastructure industry in Health Mandate 012 – Attachment A(g) (see updated Attachment A at the link below). Sport fishing guides and businesses will need to comply with all issued Health Mandates to operate in Alaska at this time. In addition, as a critical infrastructure industry, you must take reasonable care to protect your staff and operations during the pandemic. You must submit a travel plan or protocol for maintaining critical infrastructure to [akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com](mailto:akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com). This plan should outline how you will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger the lives of the communities in which you operate, of others who serve as a part of that infrastructure, or the ability of that critical infrastructure to function. This is also described in Health Mandate 012.

These mandates will be reevaluated on April 11, 2020 (Mandates 11 and 12) or April 21, 2020 (Mandate 10) and may be extended or modified at that time. Sport fishing guides and businesses are encouraged to follow COVID-19 updates in Alaska at the Division of Health and Social Services website at:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

Thanks for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. Please contact Tom Taube, Deputy Director at (907)465-6184 if you have questions.