



April 20, 2020

### **Inshore Rescue Boat Program 2020**

Dear Chief and Council and Community Members,

The Canadian Coast Guard Inshore Rescue Boat Program is a seasonal Search and Rescue service provided to the Canadian public. Between April and September, this essential service operates to ensure the safety of all boaters.

We are writing to let you know that from **April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>** we will be training Search and Rescue crews at the McKay Bay Lodge, and CCG RHIOT School in Bamfield.

With the current COVID-19 situation, we know that people are concerned with visitors in their area, so we want to let you know ahead of time that we are taking the necessary precautions to keep your community safe. Our top priority is to ensure the safety of our personnel, and the people in the communities we serve.

We have put a number of measures into place to prevent possible spread among ourselves and into the community, including:

- All personnel have been in self-isolation for a minimum of 14 days prior to arrival
- All personnel will undergo a health screening, including temperature check, prior to arriving. Each personnel will also be screened daily while on site.
- Training will take place in small groups. No more than 6 people will interact with one another at any time. No more than 15 people will be on site at any point.
- Groups will be housed in self-contained accommodation, doing their own cooking and physical distancing from the rest of the participants
- On water training activities will be taking place with strict protocols in place to ensure no engagement takes place with community members
- We will be provisioned so that food preparation takes place inside of our cabins, without contact with outside caterers or providers
- We have established quarantine procedures in the event that anyone gets ill while on site. These procedures include immediate isolation of the infected person as well as anyone that they have been in contact with.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. On behalf of Coast Guard, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation community for supporting the delivery of essential Search and Rescue services and we hope everyone is staying healthy, safe and positive.

Sincerely,

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