



**qathet**  
**REGIONAL DISTRICT**



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**NOTICE TO WATER TAXI AND BARGE OPERATORS  
in qathet Regional District re Ministerial Order M084, Section 10, 11**

**March 30, 2020**

On March 26, 2020, The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth, announced [Ministerial Order No. M084](#): “Local Authorities and Essential Goods and Supplies COVID-19 Order”.

In line with Section 10 and 11 of Provincial Order M084, announced March 26, 2020, the Regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is asking all water taxi and barge operators conducting business within the qathet Regional District to reduce non-essential travel, and prioritize the transportation of residents and essential goods and supplies at this time.

Our island communities are remote, have limited services and limited critical supplies available. As our residents on Lasqueti, Texada and Savary islands are extremely vulnerable in times of emergency, we need your help to ensure the safety of these communities.

We kindly ask that water taxi and barge operators remain vigilant, and conduct regular, comprehensive screening of passengers to ensure those with symptoms are not boarding vessels. Please ensure that physical distancing of a minimum of 2 metres can be achieved with regard to type of vessel, number of passengers, vehicles and supplies, in alignment with the guidelines set by Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry.

The EOC thanks businesses in advance for their understanding and cooperation as our communities work together to limit the spread of COVID-19. For any updates, please visit our COVID 19 Information page at <https://www.qathet.ca/2020/03/18/qrd-response-to-covid-19/>.

Should you have any questions with regard to sublicense agreements and your ability to provide necessary service meeting the above criteria please contact Mike Wall, Manager of Asset Management and Strategic Initiatives.

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