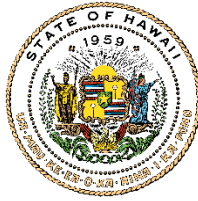


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October 12, 2023

**SUBJECT: Limited Reopening of Mala Wharf and Boat Launch Ramp**

Aloha Mala Wharf permittees:

At DOBOR's October 3, 2023, Zoom meeting, we indicated we would not reopen Mala Wharf until we had temporary facilities, including an office trailer, restrooms, and water, estimated to take between 30-60 days. However, with the assistance of the County of Maui, we may be able to reach this goal earlier than anticipated. If we can get an office trailer operational by Friday, October 13, we will reopen Mala Wharf on a limited basis. This action, being taken pursuant to the Governor's Seventh Emergency Proclamation that expires on November 6, 2023, was reached after taking into consideration public health and safety, impacts to Mala commercial operators, and concerns raised by Lāhainā residents. However, if we are unable to secure the office trailer, the reopening will be delayed.

Subject to securing the office trailer, the following will apply until expiration of the current Emergency Proclamation, or until further notice:

- Mala Wharf and Boat Launch Ramp will reopen full-time for recreational vessel activity, effective Saturday, October 14, 2023.
- Existing Mala Wharf commercial permittees in good standing may use the Mala boat ramp for approved commercial activity on weekdays only, effective Monday, October 16, 2023; Mala ramp will be closed to all commercial use on weekends and state and federal holidays.
- For weekday use, commercial operators will also be required to shuttle their passengers to-and-from Mala Wharf in order to reduce vehicle traffic in the surrounding area and minimize visitors traveling through the impacted areas. Commercial operators will be required to have their permits on them at all times when operating.
- All permitted shoreline commercial activities will be prohibited due to water quality concerns. Shoreline commercial permittees are prohibited from using Mala ramp for commercial purposes and will be notified when their operations can resume. Signs will be posted on site.

**Failure to comply with the above restrictions will constitute grounds for enforcement action including, but not limited to, fines, citations, revocation of use permits, and further restricted access to the facility.**

The secure zone implemented by the U.S. Coast Guard limiting ocean access and the County of Maui limits to land side access will be lifted at the same time, and people will be able to use the facility to access their vessels moored offshore. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as Federal, State, and County agencies work to responsibly reopen Mala facilities and ensure considerations for public health and safety are being addressed.

Sincerely,

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Administrator

c. U.S. Coast Guard; County of Maui