

Hello,

The incremental and suggested changes to businesses and life in Oregon have made it difficult in these times to know what we should do as a business. We know the spirit of what the Governor wants, for us to close to help slow the transmission of Covid 19, but this is not an easy choice for us to make.

Every charter office in Oregon looks to Spring break to finally stop the outflow of cash and to begin to start making enough money to pay bills and get crews back on a positive track. We are all worried that if we close we will not be able to pay our debt and may never reopen.

If we as an individual office decide to close down and others do not we face numerous possible consequences. We will for sure lose clients who choose to use another business that remains open during this crisis. We will not only lose them for the short term but also possibly the long term. We are also put at a disadvantage economically if we close down and lose 100% of our income while other offices remain open and take advantage of a higher percentage of the total clients looking for a fishing trip.

This may seem like a simple and easy decision to an outside eye but it is one that has kept any socially conscious business owner awake at nights. Those with no care for the public's well being will benefit while those who choose to make the right decision may whither and die. I do not wish to put anyone into a position of going out of business permanently, that is why your working group needs to quickly establish a policy to support businesses that close to help prevent the spread of this highly contagious virus, and to close all non essential businesses to prevent even more drastic measures like a shelter in place declaration.

Thank you,
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