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Dear Quileute Community and Tribal Members,

On May 13, 2021, Gov. Jay Inslee announced that the state of Washington would move toward a statewide re-opening on June 30th in response to the declines in COVID-19 cases and the continued increase of vaccination rates. In alignment with the state's decision to re-open and our own community vaccination efforts, the Quileute Tribal Council has decided it is in the best interest of the Tribe to re-open the reservation boundary.

Beginning on July 12th at 7AM, the Quileute Reservation will once again be open to the public. This includes the opening of our Tribal Enterprises— Oceanside Resort, River's Edge Restaurant, and the Quileute Marina. A new Tribal Ordinance with Phase 3 guidance will be provided at this time.

This decision was made with the utmost care and consideration for our community. While the potential harms of COVID-19 may continue to linger for an undetermined amount of time, we as a community need to move forward so that we can continue living in the best way possible.

The importance of socialization, access to community programs and services, connection, and engagement for our youth, gathering for community healing and prayer, sharing cultural traditions, the opening of our tribal enterprises to provide jobs to our families, and the growth of our economy and government services — these are all important for the health and wellbeing of our minds, bodies, spirits, and relationships.

We encourage everyone to remain vigilant in protecting themselves and others by continuing to follow CDC guidelines as much as possible: hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette; social distancing; regular cleaning and disinfection of shared spaces; and taking into consideration the increased risks that are associated with different types of events and social gatherings; and of course, your own personal health.

While we are planning to re-open and hope that all goes well, we will be monitoring the situation closely and are prepared to roll-back our re-opening guidance and implement previous restrictions should the community experience a significant increase in the infection and spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Douglas Woodruff Jr.
Chairman, Quileute Tribal Council