



Information Release

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## **Reminder: Seton Lake beaches and boat launch are closed**

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Ahead of the May long weekend, the Emergency Operations Centres of both T'it'q'et and the District of Lillooet want to remind everyone that access to the beaches and the boat launch at Seton Lake is now closed to the general public as part of the measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Most of the land at the eastern end of Seton Lake is T'it'q'et Reserve land and, as such, T'it'q'et manages legal access to the boat launch and the beaches.

T'it'q'et Chief and Council have mandated closure of the boat launch and the beaches as part of the larger effort to protect the vulnerable population of their community. This is especially true during the May long weekend, traditionally one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

The public wharf at Seton Lake is jointly licenced by T'it'q'et and the District of Lillooet. The closure of the dock and the boat launch is part of a joint effort to address COVID-19 safety concerns. As the situation improves, T'it'q'et and the District of Lillooet will coordinate opening the wharf to recreational use and will jointly notify the public at that time. There is currently no timeline for re-opening. The health and safety of all community members remains paramount in all decisions.

T'it'q'et has implemented a permitting system to allow access to the road system and the boat launch at Seton Lake for those who require access to provide essential services.

Access to the boat launch and the beaches to anyone other than permit holders is prohibited at this time.

T'it'q'et has Watchmen who are patrolling the area and people violating these restrictions will be asked to leave. Vehicles that are found in the area without permits may get towed at owners' expense.

The Seton Lake look-out, another popular spot for recreationists, is gated and will remain closed until further notice.

**Issued by the T'it'q'et and Lillooet Emergency Operations Centres**

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