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OLCC Suspends Liquor License of Southern Oregon Bar Crowded venue didn't require patrons to "keep their distance"

Operators of "Jammin Salmon" hit with immediate suspension Charged with violating social distancing, face covering requirements

PORTLAND, OR. – On August 4, 2020, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission issued an Order of Immediate License Suspension to the licensee of "Jammin Salmon" in Jackson County for violating public health social distancing and face covering requirements.

On Saturday, August 1, 2020, the OLCC Medford regional office responded to a request for assistance from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the Rogue River Police Department because of a large event taking place at the Jammin Salmon.

The bar has a Grants Pass address but is located in Jackson County about three miles west of Rogue River. The licensee of record is Savage Creek Pub and Grub LLC, and Stephen Boyd.

The operator of Jammin Salmon was cited for two violations. The first violation is for not following the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Statewide Mask, Face Shield and Face Covering Guidance. The second violation is for not following OHA's Phase Two Reopening Guidance for Restaurants and Bars which requires proper physical distancing between customers.

An OLCC inspector reported that the Jammin Salmon was packed with patrons, many spilling out of the bar and carrying away alcohol beverages as they left. According to the inspector, the bar's inside service areas and outside patios were crowded with several hundred people, with only about 10 percent of them wearing any face coverings.

The OLCC investigation is continuing and the licensee faces the possibility of additional charges. The licensee is entitled to exercise their administrative hearing rights to challenge the OLCC's actions. The business may continue to serve food for takeout or delivery, but is NOT allowed to sell any alcoholic beverages. This includes any sales of beer, cider or wine for off-premises consumption.