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OLCC Suspends Alcohol License of Rogue Jet Boat Adventures No social distancing or face coverings observed at large event

PORTLAND, OR. – On September 10, 2020 the Oregon Liquor Control Commission issued an Order of Immediate License Suspension to the licensee of Rogue Jet Boat Adventures in Jackson County for violating public health social distancing and face covering requirements. The business, which holds Limited On-Premises and Off-Premises sales licenses is NOT allowed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption or sell any alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption.

On September 4, 2020, at the request of the Jackson County Sheriff's marine patrol, the OLCC responded to and monitored an organized event being held in Central Point on property adjacent to the Rogue River. The location being used for the event was under the control of Rogue Jet Boat Adventures, but the event itself was organized by a third party, Jefferson State Outfitters.

The event organizers told the OLCC they capped attendance at the event, by limiting sales to 200 tickets, but promoted on social media that more people could show up to attend. OLCC compliance staff observed that there were more than 200 people in attendance, and that they were not wearing face coverings or social distancing. Alcohol servers, under the control of Rogue Jet Boat Adventures, also were not wearing face coverings or maintaining social distancing requirements.

The licensee of record is Rogue Jet Boat Adventures, LLC; Taylor Grimes, Managing Member; Emily Grimes, Member.

The licensee was cited for not following OHA's Statewide Mask, Face Shield and Face Covering Guidance.

The OLCC is continuing to investigate other potential violations that took place at the event. The licensee is entitled to exercise their administrative hearing rights to challenge the OLCC's actions.

This is the third immediate suspension the OLCC has issued to alcohol licensees for failure to comply with face covering or social distancing requirements. In August, 2020 the OLCC issued immediate suspensions to <u>Jammin' Salmon in Rogue River</u>, and the Coos Bay Speedway. Those two immediate suspensions remain in effect.