## Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc.

P.O. Box 175, Hayward, WI. 54843 <u>www.fhnbinc.org</u> 800.243.3462 / Fax: 715.634.1305

The Fishing Has No Boundaries National Organization office and Board of Directors are acutely aware of the COVID 19 pandemic sweeping the US and the world and its probable near term impact upon our annual events and mission.

While it may still be too early to make any decision regarding individual local events, we believe it is a foregone conclusion that at least some events will be affected, as they should, by guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, individual state and local government mandates and good solid common sense. Today, it certainly would appear that a May event is more vulnerable to cancellation or modification than one scheduled in October but really who knows?

Our first priority must always be to the safety and health of our participants and volunteers; COVID 19 now adds another consideration to the event planning decision tree. We strongly suggest that each Chapter Chair err on the side of caution in considering the scheduling of any meeting, fundraiser or event. Again, CDC and individual State and local mandates must guide those decisions.

As the social interaction recommendations stand from most governments today, it is very difficult to imagine how any event as we know them, would be carried out. However, if the general population adheres to today's "social distancing" and quarantine suggestions, we can hope that as time goes on that the effects of the epidemic will be mitigated and that life in the US and ultimately the execution of our mission will return to normal.

This unfortunate situation continues to evolve daily but there is still more unknown than is known. Please continue to refer to the National Organization and individual chapter Facebook pages for FHNB updates.

Keep well,

Jim Koppa

President, FHNB, Inc