

**DATE:** October 16, 2020  
**TO:** Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council  
**FROM:** Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda item #7: Update of Lagoon Concerns during COVID pandemic

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive updates on recent activity in and around Bolinas Lagoon from Town of Bolinas and Rod and Boat Club representatives.

**DISCUSSION**

During the past several months, during the COVID pandemic related shelter in place mandates, public activity in and around the Lagoon has changed:

--**Increased Kayak and personal water-craft use of lagoon.** As this applies to wildlife disturbance on lagoon tidal shoals.

--**Poor clamming practice and increased shark and ray fishing.** During the Covid-19 lockdown there was a heavy flurry of new anglers. This increased use continues, aggravated by Social Media and particularly You Tube videos.

--**Lagoon speed limit signs:** New signs seem to be having some effect, although we still see an occasional boat or sail-board that are exceeding established speed limits.

--**Increased surf and beach use:** Bolinas and Stinson beach are experiencing sharply increased surfing and beach use, along with major parking problems.

--**Greatly increased density of cars and people in Bolinas town:** Concern for point source pollution from street drains, all of which discharge directly into the lagoon.