Protecting Our Community & Wildlife During Bear Season

Effective Dates Immediate — Throughout Bear Season (Until Further Notice)
Garbage Disposal Hours: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily
Overnight Status CLOSED & SECURED (Dark Hours)

Following multiple reported bear sightings and waste enclosure breaches in Little Whale Cove, we have consulted directly with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW). To safeguard our residents and prevent state authorities from needing to euthanize habituated bears, ODFW has mandated immediate temporary restrictions on our community garbage areas throughout bear season.

Safety Mandate & Enclosure Measures

- **Limited Daily Access:** All community garbage enclosures will be unlocked and accessible to residents **only between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM**.
- **Overnight Closures:** Garbage bins will be locked during dark hours.
- **Reinforced Lids:** During closed hours, staff will anchor dumpster lids down using 2x4s and heavy-duty bungee cords as instructed by ODFW.

Essential Resident Guidelines

- **Plan Ahead:** Please drop off household garbage and recyclables strictly during the **7:00 AM – 5:00 PM** window.
- **Do Not Leave Trash Outside Gates:** Under no circumstances should garbage bags, containers,

or debris be left outside closed dumpster enclosure gates, on porches, or on decks.

- **Clean Recyclables:** Thoroughly wash out all food containers before recycling, and keep food-contaminated paper (such as pizza boxes) out of open bins.
- **Remove Wildlife Attractants:** Per Little Whale Cove HOA Community Rules, feeding wildlife is strictly prohibited. Please remove outdoor bird feeders and keep pet food and water dishes inside.