Determination to Change San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park Regulations: Public Health Emergency

Under the authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, the Superintendent makes the following changes to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park Regulations:

1. **Regulation change:**
   Effective March 17, 2020 and until further notice, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park’s Museum, Visitor Center, Hyde Street Pier, and Research Center are closed. Visitors may access the Park’s urban open spaces, Aquatic Park and Aquatic Park Pier, while practicing the Centers for Disease Control’s social distancing guidelines.

2. **Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:**
   This is an emergency regulation change adopted for these areas within San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. The previous regulations allowed public entry into these areas.

3. **Date of Adoption:** March 17, 2020

4. **Reasons for change:**
   This emergency closure is designed to protect visitor health and safety in regard to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the latest Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on social distancing, and in keeping with the shelter-in-place orders and guidelines issued by the City of San Francisco, the surrounding seven Bay Area counties, and the State of California. Closure of the Museum, Visitor Center, Hyde Street Pier, and Research Center will allow park staff to best manage the more limited number of visitors to the park this will permit, and better ensure that CDC, state, and local guidelines can be maintained. This closure can be rescinded when the emergency conditions no longer exist.

5. **Effective Date:** Until further notice.


   (signed)

   David Brouillette
   Superintendent, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

   Date:  
   March 17, 2020

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