**PART 3: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**WAC 246-261-504010 Closure and reopening** (2023 MAHC 5.4.1)

Except for INTERACTIVE WATER PLAY AQUATIC VENUES, owners of AQUATIC VENUES closed to the public shall meet the following requirements:

(1) **For Temporary Closures**:

(a) Prevent access to the AQUATIC VENUE by means of a locked ENCLOSURE. If an AQUATIC FACILITY has one AQUATIC venue open and another closed within the same ENCLOSURE, the owner shall ensure the closed AQUATIC VENUE is:

(i) Posted with signage stating that the AQUATIC VENUE is closed; and

(ii) Either:

(A) Covered with a safety cover meeting ASTM standard F1346-91 and not allowing access to the AQUATIC VENUE water; or

(B) Meets water clarity standards as outlined in MAHC 5.7.6; and

(iii) Not creating a nuisance or disease hazard such as algae and mosquitos; and

(iv) Monitored by staff to prevent unauthorized entry of PATRONS.

(b) Where an ice layer may develop:

(i) Install a safety cover meeting ASTM standard F1346-91; or

(ii) Prevent access to the AQUATIC FACILITY by means of a locked ENCLOSURE.

(c) Remove all safety covers during periods when the AQUATIC VENUE is open for use.

(2) **For closures of more than 12 months**. In addition to the requirements outlined in subsection (1) of this section, owners shall:

(a) Conduct daily integrity checks of the locked ENCLOSURE; and

(b) Provide a plan to the DEPARTMENT or LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER outlining how the AQUATIC VENUE will be secured and maintained. This plan should include long term plans for:

(i) Demolition; or

(ii) Reopening; and

(c) Contact the DEPARTMENT or LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER prior to reopening to verify the AQUATIC VENUE meets all applicable requirements of this chapter.

(3) **For closures of more than 36 months**. In addition to the requirements outlined in subsection (1) of this section, owners shall:

(a) Conduct daily integrity checks of the locked ENCLOSURE; and

(b) Provide a plan to the DEPARTMENT or LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER outlining how the AQUATIC VENUE will be secured and maintained. This plan should include long term plans for:

(i) Demolition; or

(ii) Reopening; and

(c) Contact the DEPARTMENT or LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER prior to reopening to request an inspection of the AQUATIC VENUE to ensure it meets all applicable requirements of this chapter.

**Subpart D: Aquatic Venue Structure**

**WAC 246-261-505000 Aquatic Venue Structure** (2023 MAHC 5.5)

(1) **Access Ladders Securely Anchored** Ladders, grab rails, and handrails shall be securely anchored.

(2) **Depth Markers** Depth markers shall be provided in locations in accordance with WAC 246-261-405019 and maintained.

(3) **No Diving Markers** NO DIVING MARKERS shall be provided in accordance with WAC 246-261-405019 and maintained.

(4) **Ropes and Float Lines** ROPE**S** AND FLOAT LINES shall be installed as required in WAC 246-261-405019 and WAC 246-261-4012XX. Be kept in place at all times, except may be temporarily removed when the pool is used for a specific purpose such as programmatic lap swimming or competitive use.

(5) **Pool Shell Maintenance**

(a) **Cracking**

(i) **Repaired** CRACKS shall be part of the daily inspection process and be repaired when they change sufficiently to increase the potential for:

(A) Leakage,

(B) Trips or falls,

(C) Lacerations, or

(D) Impact the ability to properly clean and maintain the AQUATIC VENUE area.

(ii) **Document Cracks** Surface CRACKS under 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) wide shall be documented and MONITORED for any movement or change including opening, closing, and/or lengthening.

(b) **Sharp Edges** Any sharp edges shall be removed or repaired.