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Dear Jim Klug and Yellow Dog Flyfishing,

Thank you for your continued support and friendship during this pandemic. We miss everyone being together at the lodge, sharing stories and enjoying the flats. However, in this time of forced separation in order to join together for a global solution, we certainly want to uphold our part. One of the beautiful outcomes of this crisis has been the extreme thoughtfulness and generosity of our mutual guests, many of whom have reached out to inquiry how to help our staff and guides. We are grateful for their concern. Thank you for the bottom of our hearts.

El Pescador has been supporting our community on Ambergris Caye for 46 years, since we opened in 1974. We are committed to our staff and guides, many of whom are family to one another and have worked with us for decades. We have second and third generation guides as well as couples and families working at the lodge. It is incumbent upon us to not allow the hard working people who support our love of fishing to perish during this unexpected crisis. The true character of a person, and of a business, will come to the surface during this crisis. 75+ people rely directly on El Pescador.

We have kept a small crew on site to work on some maintenance, deep cleaning and beautification projects (at a minimum of 6 feet away from one another). We have asked everyone else who is a part of our El Pescador “family”, the staff and guides, to return to their homes and social distance. Therefore, during this unexpected time, we have waived 75% of our normal cancelation fee in an effort to support our valued guests - and are using the 25% balance to pay a portion of wages to staff and guides for these canceled or re-scheduled trips. In addition to being the right thing to do – it also ensures there is a staff to serve you, and guides to take you fishing, when you return.

Since you have considerately asked how to help, I wanted to share two possible options.

#1. Keep the thoughtful messages coming. They are rays of sunshine during these dark days.

#2. Please book a return trip. We view this pandemic as a two-fold issue. The immediate health and economic crisis plus a second wave of feeling comfortable enough to fly and travel again. Not only will we need to get through the immediate crisis, but we will need help getting back to work once it has passed.

We are hopeful to have our anglers safely return to the lodge soon. We are desperate to go flats fishing! Our fishery and reef are also having a chance to rest and get stronger. Since Belize still has so few cases of coronavirus (only 18 so far), we are hopeful that we will be ready to welcome you with open arms once the threat is removed.

With gratitude,
Ali and the entire El Pescador Family