Aramark dealing with zero boats, snowmobiles

Aramark's winter season took another hit on Friday when it was announced the Tahoe Paradise will no longer be operating.

The smaller tour boat had been put into service at Ski Run Marina in South Lake Tahoe as a replacement for the Tahoe Queen. The paddle-wheeler was taken off line because of the low lake level and now the yacht faces the same fate.

A woman who handles reservations for the company said the notice came down Jan. 23. She said the email said the boats would not operate until further notice.

Dredging the channel at Ski Run is the responsibility of Aramark, the parent company of the boats. No permit has been sought to do so.

Aramark also operates the M.S. Dixie II out of Zephyr Cove resort. It is out of service while it undergoes renovations.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency permits which boats may operate out of which marina, so it's not like vessels may go wherever they want whenever they want.

The other setback for Aramark this winter is the lack of snow has prevented its snowmobile operations on Spooner Summit from opening.

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