



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2022

TO: Council Members, Advisory Body Members, Tribal Co-managers, and Stakeholders

FROM: Merrick Burden, Executive Director

SUBJECT: April 2022 Council Meeting COVID Protocols

Dear Council Members, Advisory Body Members, Tribal Co-managers, and Stakeholders

This memorandum communicates COVID protocols for the upcoming April 2022 meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council or Council). With a focus on the health of the Pacific Council family, we will be implementing several measures intended to reduce the risk of COVID spread and exposure. These measures are subject to change as the Council meeting draws nearer. At a minimum, we will follow King County COVID requirements. In addition, we plan to implement the following measures.

- Limited in-person attendance
 - The following groups are invited to participate in-person:
 - Council members
 - Members of the Salmon Technical Team
 - Members of the Salmon Advisory Subpanel
 - Tribal co-managers and Federal and state agency staff involved in the salmon process
 - Council staff
 - The following groups are kindly requested to participate remotely
 - Advisory bodies and management teams that are not listed above
 - Agency staff that are not Council members, not part of the Salmon Technical Team, or otherwise not involved in the salmon season setting process
 - Members of the public
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- Daily testing requirement
 - Daily COVID testing is a requirement of in-person attendance. Council staff will provide tests to those individuals that participate in the meeting in-person¹
- Masking
 - As of the date of this memorandum we intend to implement a masking-optional policy for in-person attendees. This policy is subject to change and may be changed at the Council's discretion up to and during the Council meeting

If an individual contracts COVID during the Council meeting, that person is asked to notify the Executive Director and/or the Council's Chief Administrative Officer at:

- Merrick Burden, Executive Director: 503.820.2418 or Merrick.j.burden@noaa.gov
- Patricia Crouse, Administrative Officer: 503.820.2408 or Patricia.Crouse@noaa.gov

Upon receipt of such notice, Council staff will work with the hotel to ensure the comfort of that person and the protection of the broader Council.

If you have any questions regarding the above protocols, please contact me or one of my staff.

Thank you



Merrick J. Burden
Executive Director

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¹ Please visit the Secretariat or see Patricia Crouse in the Council ballroom upon your arrival at the meeting venue. You will be provided with testing kits at that time.