April Council Meeting Update as of March 4, 2020

We know that many of you are concerned about the spread of the Coronavirus, Covid-19, and how it might affect Council operations this year. We are monitoring the situation closely, and we are asking that everyone remain calm and patient. The [CDC site dedicated to Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) provides up-to-date information on the current situation and guidance for disease prevention.

There are currently no federal restrictions for domestic travel related to Coronavirus. **At this point, barring other developments, we intend to proceed with holding the upcoming meeting as planned for March 30-April 6.** However, if you exhibit any Coronavirus symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), please DO NOT attend the meeting in person. As a reminder, public can provide written comments on agenda items through the [electronic agenda](https://npfmc.adobeconnect.com/april2020) until 3/27/2020 at noon Alaska time, and the Council meeting is broadcast live starting April 1st. Anyone can listen to Council deliberations online while the meeting is in session at npfmc.adobeconnect.com/april2020.

All meeting attendees should take reasonable precautions to guard against contracting and spreading the disease. We ask that you:
- Avoid shaking hands, and avoid contact with those that are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes with sanitary methods (tissue, fold of your elbow, etc.)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wash your hands often with soap for > 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer
- Clean “high touch” surfaces often (phone, computer, mouse, etc.)

Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be provided in each of the Council meeting rooms, and at the Council office during the Open House event.

We are developing contingency plans for future Council meetings should expanded outbreaks occur.

Please revisit our website regularly for any further updates on the April meeting schedule.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

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