



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Dear Tribal Leader,

We wanted to give you an update on the Trade Area Rules Project you have been involved with LCB on. Since the start of the project in May 2023, LCB held three workshops for Tribes and has heard directly from many Tribal representatives.

The information below is an update on the project.

Subject:

Notice of Rulemaking Order. In accordance with Chapter 43.376 RCW and the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, we invite collaboration with federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affects Indian Tribes and Tribal people. Therefore, we want you to know that LCB has amended rule language on WAC 314-02-1071 concerning alcohol trade areas.

Purpose:

The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) has amended WAC 314-02-1071 to exempt the following from the 20 mile travel distance requirement for trade area: spirits retailers owned or operated by a Tribe or Tribal enterprise located in Indian Country as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1151, including reservation and all lands held in trust by the United States for the Tribe or its members, where "Tribe" refers to a federally recognized Tribe as defined by 25 U.S.C. § 4103(13)(B).

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Tribes/Tribal Communities/Tribal Consortium:

We invite you to consider whether this rulemaking has an impact specific to American Indian/Alaska Native people, Tribes, Tribal communities, or Tribal Consortium. We would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share, including whether this rulemaking will have disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native people, Tribes, or Tribal communities.

Rule File Available on Request:

LCB will make copies of materials related to this rulemaking available by request. To request copies of the rulemaking file specific to this project, please send a request for the file to the Policy & Rules team at rules@lcb.wa.gov.

Questions

Rule inquiries can be sent to the LCB rules team at rules@lcb.wa.gov.

Please contact Dr. Marla Conwell, our agency's Tribal & Government Liaison, by email at tribal.liaison@lcb.wa.gov if you would like to request a formal consultation with the agency or if you have any Tribal affairs related questions or concerns. Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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Policy and Rules Manager