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FIPs may modify materials to anonymize any personally identifiable or confidential information within reason. Examples of potential modifications include, but are not limited to:

- Removing or blacking out names, job titles, or other similar information.
- Removing or blacking out attendee lists from meetings or trainings.
- Blurring out people or vessel names in images.

Anonymization must not be to a degree that the reviewer is unable to verify the information, documentation, and evidence as part of the review process. If this is not possible, the FIP should contact the reviewer (contact@fisheryprogress.org) to discuss options.

Requests to keep information or evidence¹ confidential will be considered on a limited case-by-case basis, and only after attempts to anonymize sensitive information have been demonstrated by the FIP. If a request is made, the reviewer will work with the FIP to explore options for making parts of the information or evidence public or providing other evidence. In exceptional circumstances where that is impossible, if reasonable and justifiable, the reviewer will review the information but not publish it to the site², and the FIP will be required to provide a summary of the evidence that will be shared publicly on FisheryProgress. In all instances, FisheryProgress will maintain documentation internally for review purposes.

¹ Additional guidance on evidence is available in Appendix A of the [FIP Review Guidelines](#) (v2.0).

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