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**Subject:**

I wonder if you could include this in new business for the briefing book.

The public hearing webinars for Illex have been great and I think Jason has done an excellent job. After speaking to many fishermen, they like it. They are more comfortable because they aren't in front of a big crowd and it's similar to talking on the radio. You can see who else is participating on the side bar and that puts some of us at ease. You get to make a second comment if you do multiple webinars which is helpful because we are disciplined in dealing with meetings.

I don't think council members, who get paid and have their expenses paid for realize how hard and expensive it is for fisherman to attend a 3 day council meeting. It costs a fisherman \$1500-\$3000 to attend plus lost income. Plus most of us have 2 councils to deal with.

I do think that council members should be encouraged to or required to listen to at least one when there are multiple webinars on the same topic.

I would like to see a lot more of these webinar type meetings, including the committee meetings, AP meetings and a way to make the council meetings interactive. This would make it so fishermen could afford to get more involved, it is our livelihoods that are being impacted.

Thank you Mark S Phillips