

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING AND PROCESS EFFICIENCIES

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed reports associated with Agenda Item F.2, Council Meeting and Process Efficiencies and have the following comments.

The EC would like to reiterate our September statement ([Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental EC Report, September 2022](#)) that the EC's preference is to meet in person in conjunction with the Council meetings. We appreciate the Council implementing our recommendation for the March meeting to have the full EC advisory body present for the first three days of the Council meeting and allowing all but the Chair and Vice-Chair to depart prior to the end of the meeting.

The EC notes in Agenda Item F.7 that the number of days the full EC meets in September and November is four. We recommend the EC, other than the Chair and Vice Chair, be permitted to depart after 3 days.

The EC does see a benefit to a hybrid model that would allow both in-person and virtual participation by EC members, especially during the initial EC meeting prior to the start of each Council meeting. The EC is confident they can hold public advisory body meetings with the technology currently available to them, e.g., our issued laptops and a meeting room address. The EC has observed benefits to the hybrid meetings allowing for other representatives from the enforcement organizations, including EC designees, to participate in the Council. These representatives also become familiar with the process as well as provide expertise in enforcement aspects of a particular fishery the regular EC representative might not be as familiar with. The EC is supportive of improving Council processes and efficiencies where possible, while taking into consideration associated costs and effectiveness. The EC looks forward to participating in this discussion as the Council makes future considerations.

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