

Hello, my name is James West and I am the captain of the FV^{42'} Hillary-Whitney. I am 19 years old, a fifth generation fisherman, and one of the youngest people to be lucky enough to have a scallop license. I love to be out on the water running the boat continuing my families traditions. However, I know that I cannot continue in this line of work with all the rules and regulations being passed. As I said to my dad, "How can anybody make a living with all of the limits that we have now?" I feel very fortunate to be in college trying to get an education because if the rules and regulations get any more strict it will be too difficult to make an honest living. I'm sorry that I cannot be at the meeting today, because I have classes to attend so my father will speak in my place.

Sincerely

James R. West