**Webinar 2: Data Collections Question Examples**

**Storytelling Scenario:** You would like to understand commercial fishers’ perceptions of State ocean policy. Brainstorm 1 or 2 storytelling questions.

*Example of Storytelling Questions*

* Can you tell me about State ocean policy in your State?
* Can you give me an example of your experience with State ocean policy?

**Opinion Scenario:** You are interested in exploring effective and repeatable methods for constructing national training products through a large and diverse network of contributors. You want to know what is it about the collaborative process that works and does not work. Brainstorm 1 or 2 opinion questions.

*Examples of Storytelling Questions*

* What do you consider to be an effective collaborative process?
* In what ways is the current collaborative process effective?
* In what ways is the current collaborative process not effective?

**Structural Scenario:** You want to improve your programs and know whether you are really meeting the needs of your participants. Brainstorm 1 or 2 structural questions.

*Examples of Structural Questions*

* What do you believe you are getting out of the programs you attend?
* How did you come to this belief?

**Hypothetical Scenario:** Your project team meetings are not effective. You have a hunch that the different personalities in the room just do not work well together. There is tension. There are power struggles. There are people who typically take over the conversation and others who are left out of it. Brainstorm 1 or 2 hypothetical questions.

*Examples of Hypothetical Questions*

* Think for a moment about someone in the project meetings who has a different personality or style of working than you. What would it be like to be in their position?
* What if there were no project meetings?

**Devil’s Advocate** **Scenario:** More often than not, there are municipal officials who do not show up to your meetings and trainings. You want to understand the barriers to participation. You also want to know how to motivate them to participate. Brainstorm 1 or 2 Devil’s Advocate questions.

*Examples of Devil’s Advocate Questions*

* Some say that municipal officials shouldn’t attend our meetings. How would you respond?
* Others say they are just not motivated to attend our meetings. How would you motivate them?

**Interpretive Scenario:** You are struck by the fact that people agree that improving wastewater treatment is an urgent matter yet progress is so slow. You want to know people’s views about the different wastewater treatment technologies and how they perceive they will affect their communities. You also want to know what are the factors that slow progress. Brainstorm 1 or 2 interpretive questions.

*Examples of Interpretive Questions*

* Tell me about the different wastewater treatment technologies?
* How does that particular technology affect your community?
* It sounds like you, like many others, understand the issues. How would you describe the progress that has been made?