



At-Sea Monitors

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Differences Between Monitors and Observers

- Monitors will not be conducting biological sampling
- Monitors will not participate in supplemental research projects
- Monitors will have reduced training time
 - 10 days rather than 16 days
- Amount of information collected is reduced
 - i.e. no sightings data, less detail on gear and characteristics
- Monitors will submit electronic data via a handheld computer
- Training will not include training trips for monitors
- No performance-based bonus program for monitors

● ● ● | **Similarities
Between Monitors and
Observers**

- Same safety training
- Both are trained in species identification, sub-sampling, and conflict resolution
- Fields that are collected by both programs are synonymous
- Training are offered by the NEFSC
- Certifications are tracked by the NEFSC

● ● ● | **Certification**

- Certification/approval of the provider
- Acceptance of the Operations Plan (sector-specific)
- Certification of an individual monitor



References in Folders

- NEFAMP Monitors vs. NEFOP Observers
- **A-Sea Monitoring Standards**
- Section 4.3.3.5.5 of Amendment 16 Standards for Sector Monitoring and Reporting Service Providers
- **Template for Sector Monitor Service Providers**



Template for Sector Monitor Service Providers

- Will be finalized following this workshop and will be available online
- Sixteen sections taken from the requirements in Amendment 16
- Some form examples are given and description of what would be expected or evaluated in each of those sections



Template Sections

- 1. Corporate structure and contact information
- 2. Statement of non-conflict of interest
- 3. Statement of convictions, federal contracts and/or decertification
- 4. Prior experience and performance ability
- 5. Evidence of insurance



Template Sections

- 6. Monitor benefits and services
- 7. Proof of monitor certification
- 8. Emergency action plan
- 9. Statement of good financial standing
- 10. Plan of deployment and coverage
- 11. Reporting potential problems
- 12. Copy of contract information



Template Sections

- 13. Refusal to deploy
 - Safety checklist on pages 21-22
- 14. Record keeping, equipment, and funding
 - Gear requirements are listed on pages 11-12
- 15. Standards for approval/certification of individual at-sea monitors
- 16. Standards for approval/certification of individual dockside/roving monitors



Next steps for FSB

- Finalize template and make available
- Post interested provider information
- Continue to develop training curriculum
- Continue to develop electronic data collection and processing system
- Complete recruitment actions for infrastructure support
- Pilot project to assess video monitoring
- In the process of writing an RFP for at-sea monitoring to begin coverage for May 2010
- Expect first training to be in April 2010