

Certification/Approval Process for At-sea Monitor Service Providers and Individual At-Sea Monitors

- NEFSC/NERO would publish a Request for Information, which also announces the provider workshop (could include dockside monitoring).
- NEFSC/NERO would conduct a workshop for interested providers.
- NEFSC would review interested at-sea providers's qualifications to determine if they are "eligible" (i.e. meet the Amendment 16 requirements and acceptable at-sea monitoring strawman).
- NEFSC would list eligible providers on the website.
- Provider would be determined certified/approved (sector-specific) upon review and acceptance of the sector's Operations Plan.
- Individual at-sea monitors would be certified by NEFSC upon successful completion of training, and maintaining requirements under Amendment 16.
- De-certification may apply to a sector-specific provider(i.e. a provider's service to a specific sector), a provider (provider's service to any and all sectors), and/or individual at-sea monitors.