

**National Marine Fisheries Service
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Sector Implementation Workshop II

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1. Administrative

1.1. In addition to the Amendment 16 requirements, the following areas should be addressed in the SOP:

- 1.1.1. Contractual arrangement
- 1.1.2. Training for members in Sector's business rules
- 1.1.3. Oversight and management of sector
- 1.1.4. How a Sector Manager will reconcile differing reports between all sources of data (dealer, vessel, hails, dockside monitoring, etc.)?
- 1.1.5. Business rules for all situations, including:
 - 1.1.5.1. monitoring - no-show, partial off-load, shack fish, trucked fish,
 - 1.1.5.2. reporting – missing reports/non-compliance
- 1.1.6. IT infrastructure necessary to manage monitoring and reporting

1.2. SOP requirements from draft Amendment 16:

Table 1 SOP - Administrative section requirements from draft A16 and references

Requirement	Draft A16 Pages
Contract should include release of confidential data to sector/ manager.	N/A
List of all vessels that would be part of a sector and whether or not the vessel will fish.	95
Original distribution of catch history	95
Detailed plan for consolidation including redistribution of ACE.	95
Rules for entry and exit to the sector	95
Procedure for notifying NMFS if a member is expelled	95
Application of Joint and Several Liability	105-106
A list of all Federal and State permits held by vessels participating in the sector	95
Exemptions (beyond universal) being requested	117

1.3. Documents that need to be provided by NMFS: To be completed at workshop

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2. Dockside monitoring (DSM)

2.1. In addition to the Amendment 16 requirements, the following areas should be addressed in the SOP:

- 2.1.1. Data flow for information collected by dockside monitors
- 2.1.2. Deployment schemes demonstrating at least 50% random coverage (how decide which trips, who decides) and notification

2.2. SOP requirements from draft Amendment 16:

Table 2 SOP - Dockside monitoring section requirements from draft A16 and references

Requirement	Draft A16 Pages
Detailed information about dockside monitoring program	95, 106-109
Detailed info on DSM provider	109-113

2.3. Documents that need to be provided by NMFS: To be completed at workshop

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3. At-sea monitoring (ASM)

3.1. In addition to the Amendment 16 requirements, the following areas should be addressed in the SOP if an ASM program is to be deployed in 2010:

- 3.1.1. Determination of coverage level for at-sea monitors
- 3.1.2. Vessel assignment process
 - 3.1.2.1. Pre-trip notification procedures
- 3.1.3. Data flow
- 3.1.4. Discard estimation if at-sea monitoring programs are in place

3.2. SOP requirements from draft Amendment 16:

Table 3 SOP - At-sea monitoring section requirements from draft A16 and references

Requirement	Draft A16 Pages
Detailed information about at-sea monitoring program (optional until FY12)	95, 106-109
Detailed information on ASM provider	109-113
Detailed information about discard monitoring	95

3.3. Documents that need to be provided by NMFS: To be completed at workshop

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4. ACE Monitoring

4.1. In addition to the Amendment 16 requirements, the following areas should be addressed in the SOP:

- 4.1.1. How will the sector-specific assumed discard rates be applied?
- 4.1.2. How will landings be apportionment to stock?

4.2. SOP requirements from draft Amendment 16:

Table 4 SOP - Monitoring section requirements from draft A16 and references

Requirement	Draft A16 Pages
Plan and analysis to show how sector will avoid exceeding allocations	95
Detailed information about overage penalties or other actions to be taken if the sector exceeds its ACE	95, 97
Identify potential redirection of effort	95
List of specific ports where members will land fish	95
ACE thresholds and details of sector plan for notifying NMFS when specified threshold reached.	95
Describe how groundfish will be avoided while participating in other fisheries that have a bycatch of groundfish IF the sector does not have ACE for the stocks caught	95

4.3. Documents that need to be provided by NMFS: To be completed at workshop

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