

# GROUND FISH SECTOR MONITORING PROVIDER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Observer Training Center  
25 Bernard Saint Jean Drive, East Falmouth, MA 02536  
<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/femad/fsb/>

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## Invited Participants

Sector managers and representatives, and interested sector monitoring providers.

## Meeting Purpose

The objectives of this meeting are to:

- Describe the criteria needed to become an approved sector monitoring provider
- Define the standards for sector monitors
- Provide details of the monitoring elements needed in Sector Operations Plans

## Pre-workshop requirements

Review and be familiar with materials posted on the NERO sector website  
<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/sfdmultisector.html>

## Agenda

- 8:30 Opening and Introductions – Wendy Gabriel  
Review meeting objectives, agenda, and ground rules
- 9:00 Overview and timeline of Groundfish Amendment 16 – Mark Grant  
Purpose of monitoring programs  
Process of sector approval  
General standards for service providers
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 Dockside Monitoring details – Greg Power  
Role of dockside monitors  
Certification/approval of service providers  
Training and individual monitor standards  
Background checks, TWIC card  
Coverage levels  
Pre-trip notification and vessel selection  
Dockside safety  
Data collection and reporting

## Performance Monitoring

12:00 *Lunch (at own expense – will order in morning)*

Optional – Could offer opportunity for sectors to present a 5-minute overview of their sectors during a working lunch

1:00 At-sea Monitoring details – Amy Van Atten

Role of at-sea monitors

Certification/approval of service providers

Training and individual monitor standards

Gear requirements

Vessel safety

Data collection and reporting

3:00 *Break*

3:30 Performance Standards for at-sea monitoring – Wendy Gabriel

Vessel selection

Coverage levels – Susan Wigley

4:15 Confirm provider interest and review/submit contact information

4:30 Final questions and wrap up

### **References/handouts**

- Answers to Commonly Asked Sector Management Questions, CFN (Kevin Chu)
- Sector Workshop I Summary (Executive Summary of WS report, Greg Power)
- Sector Workshop II Summary (Executive Summary of WS report, Greg Power)
- At-Sea Monitoring Standards (Amy Van Atten)
- Dockside Monitoring Standards – draft NMFS version (Mark Grant, with assistance from Merrie Cartwright)
- Template on Monitoring Section of Operations Plan

### **Organized by the NOAA Fisheries Service**

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