

North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program Training/Briefing Requirements and Expiration Rules

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1.
 - a) All prior observers must complete a four-day briefing before their first deployment in any calendar year;
 - b) One-day briefings are required prior to subsequent deployments within a calendar year;
 - c) Observers who have not been deployed for a period of 18 months (540 days) are required to complete a three-week training course; and
 - d) Based on performance, prior observers may be required to complete a two-day briefing, a four-day briefing, or retake the three-week training course.

2. If an observer remains un-deployed from one to three months (30 – 90 days) after completion of training, a four-day briefing must be completed. If an observer remains un-deployed for more than 3 months (90 days) after completion of training, the observer must retake the full three – week training course.

3. If an observer remains un-deployed from one to three months (30 – 90 days) after completion of a four-day briefing, the observer must complete a one-day briefing. If more than three months (90 days) have passed since the completion of the four-day briefing, the observer must retake the full four-day briefing.

4. If an observer remains un-deployed after one month (30 days) from the completion of a two-day briefing, the observer must complete a one-day briefing.

5. If an observer remains un-deployed after one month (30 days) from the completion of a one-day briefing, the observer must retake the full one-day briefing.

Table 1: Summary of Training/Briefing Expiration Rules

	> 1 month (> 30 days)	1 – 3 months (30 - 90 days)	> 3 months (> 90 days)
3 – Week Training		4 - day	Retake 3 - week
4 – Day Briefing		1 - day	Retake 4 - day
2 – Day Briefing	1 - day		
1 – Day Briefing	Retake 1 - day		