NMFS AT-SEA MONITORING PROGRAM WHAT TO EXPECT DURING TRAINING



The following table outlines the training topics and a brief overview of each covered in the At-sea Monitoring Training Program.

TRAINING TOPIC	OVERVIEW	TIMEFRAME
Offshore Safety Training	Training is designed specifically for sea going persons. In this course trainees will learn skills including: • Identifying risks • How to properly use all issued safety equipment • Survival techniques • Fire fighting basics • Marine radios & Mayday calls • Abandon ship • Man overboard • De-watering pump • Overview of vessels Safety Exam (minimum 85%) & Practical (Pass/Fail)	16 hours (2 days)
Species Identification	Training will cover fish and other species common to the N. Atlantic. This will include: • Fish ID Exam (minimum 85%) • Marine mammal, sea bird, and sea turtle ID Exam (minimum 85%) • Species ID homework and workshops	~14 hours
Targeted Fishery Training	Training will cover the following fisheries, which will include how to collect gear, haul, and economic information: • Trawl Fishery • Gillnet Fishery • Bottom Longline Fishery • Handline Fishery	16 hours
Catch Estimation	Training will cover in detail how At-sea monitors will collect catch information. This includes a combination of: • Lecture • Active workshops • Scenarios	8 hours
	Training is designed to introduce trainees to	



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Vessel Training Trip	Trainees will go on an actual commercial fishing trip. Trainees will learn how follow program protocols under the supervision of Training Staff.	~ 8 hours
Training Workshops	 Trainees will learn hands on how to: Identify & record gear characteristics Use & maintain sampling gear Use & maintain electronic reporting units Record haul data 	~16 hours
Miscellaneous Items	 Sector Introduction Security Tablet & Digital Camera Training Data Quality Falsification of Data & Decertification Outreach Fishermen Liaison Meet Your Editor Mentoring Sessions Introduction to Staff 	~6 hours
NMFS Certification	Upon satisfactory completion of programOverall 85% minimum score	Total Training 11 days