

NMFS AT-SEA MONITORING PROGRAM: NEFOP to ASM CROSS TRAINING
WHAT TO EXPECT DURING TRAINING



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

| TRAINING TOPIC | OVERVIEW | TIMEFRAME |
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| Species Identification | Training will review fish and other species common to the N. Atlantic. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish ID Exam (minimum 85%) • Marine mammal, sea bird, and sea turtle ID Exam (minimum 85%) • Species ID homework and workshops | 6 hours |
| Targeted Fishery Training | Training will cover the following fisheries, which will include how to collect gear, haul, and economic information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trawl Fishery • Gillnet Fishery • Longline Fishery • Handline Fishery | 6.25 hours |
| Catch Estimation | Training will cover in detail how ASM observers will collect catch information. This includes a combination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Lecture • Student Presentations | 2.25 hours |
| Conflict Resolution | Training is designed to review common problems related to ASM observers and to provide them with a variety of tools to effectively deal with situations associated with a sea going occupation. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying problems • Role Play/Round Robin Discussions | 1.75 hours |
| Training Workshops | Trainees will learn hands on how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify & record gear characteristics • Use & maintain sampling gear • Use & maintain electronic reporting units • Record haul data | ~8 hours |

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| <p>Miscellaneous Items</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector Program Introduction • Tablet & Digital Camera Updates • Data Quality • Falsification of Data & Decertification • Safety Updates • Mentoring Sessions • Lessons Learned • Regulatory Compliance Program Updates • Gear Certification Program Gear Review | <p>~12 hours</p> |
| <p>NMFS Certification</p> | <p>Upon satisfactory completion of program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall 85% minimum score | <p>Total Training: 5 days</p> |

* Observers must have completed the initial 15 day NEFOP certification training, a minimum of 20 sea days and have consistently high data quality before being approved to attend ASM Specialized NEFOP to ASM Cross Training. Training certifications can be found: http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/fsb/training/Observer_Training_Certifications.pdf