

GROUND FISH SECTOR MONITORING PROVIDER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Observer Training Center
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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)

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

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