MEMORANDUM FOR: NEFOP Observers
FROM: Amy Van Atten
Acting Branch Chief, FSB
SUBJECT: Dropping of Six-Month Questions Log

This memo is to inform you that starting immediately the Six-Month Questions Log is no longer a required log of the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program. Recently, the Social Sciences Branch started collecting economic data through a voluntary survey that was coordinated with the permit renewal process. Due to a high return rate, NEFOP Observers no longer need to ask the Six-Month Questions. The economic questions on the Vessel & Trip Log (fuel price, ice price, supplies, damage, etc...) do however still need to be asked.

For the time being, the Vessel & Trip Log will remain the same with the Six-Month Questions Asked? (Yes/No) field present; this field box should be checked as No. NEFOP will modify the Vessel & Trip Log and remove the Six-Month Questions Log from the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program Manual during our next round of manual changes.

If you have already asked the Six-Month Questions on a recently observed trip, please send in (the log) as usual as we will continue to enter completed logs. But again, from this point forward you no longer need to ask the Six-Month Questions.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact KB McArdle at (508) 495-2377 or Katherine.McArdle@noaa.gov.

Thank you.