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 |            |