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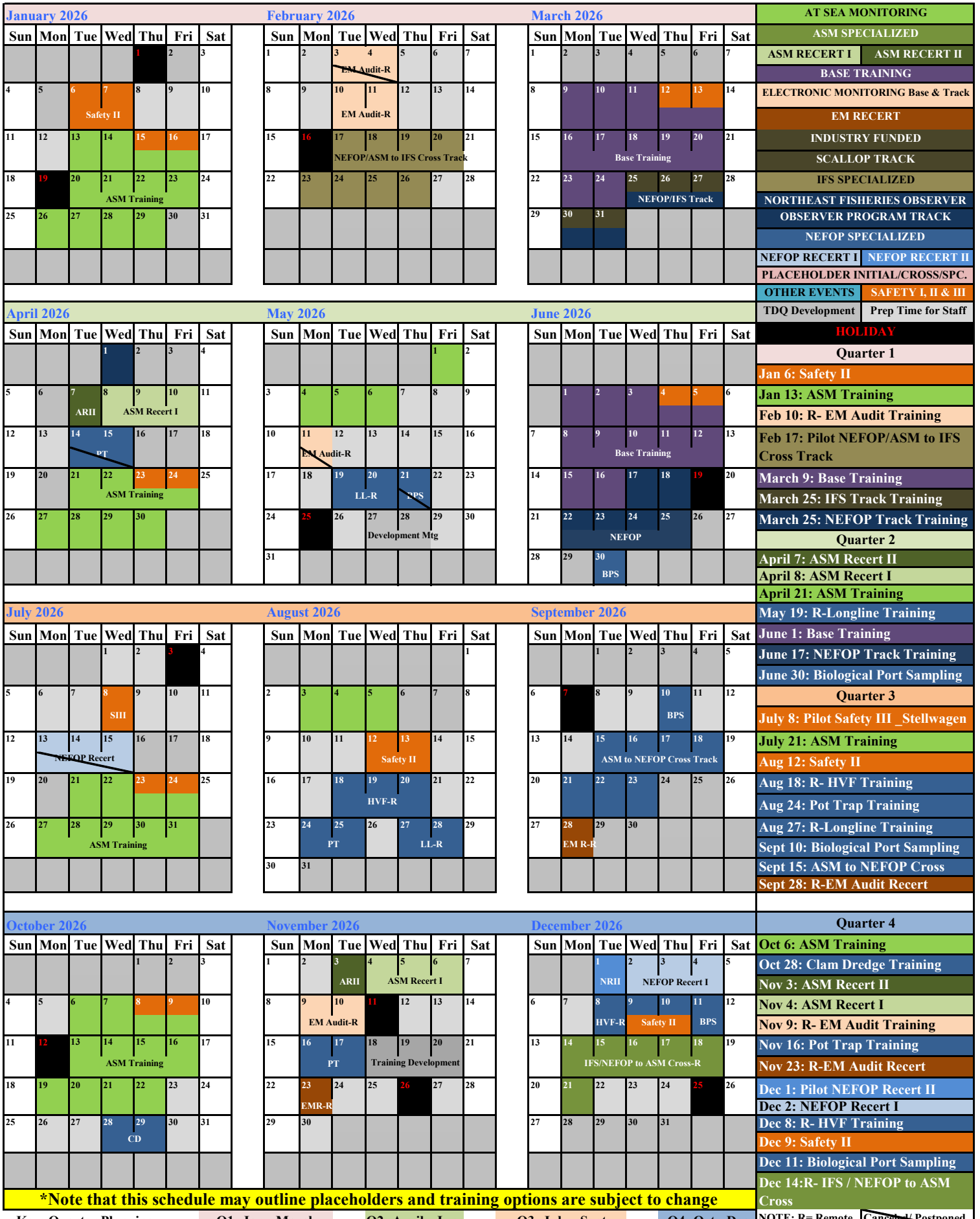

KEY

- AT SEA MONITORING
- ASM SPECIALIZED
- ASM RECERT I / ASM RECERT II
- BASE TRAINING
- ELECTRONIC MONITORING Base & Track
- EM RECERT
- INDUSTRY FUNDED
- SCALLOP TRACK
- IFS SPECIALIZED
- NORTHEAST FISHERIES OBSERVER
- OBSERVER PROGRAM TRACK
- NEFOP SPECIALIZED
- NEFOP RECERT I / NEFOP RECERT II
- PLACEHOLDER INITIAL/CROSS/SPC.
- OTHER EVENTS / SAFETY I, II & III
- TDQ Development / Prep Time for Staff
- HOLIDAY

Quarter 1

- Jan 6: Safety II
- Jan 13: ASM Training
- Feb 10: R- EM Audit Training
- Feb 17: Pilot NEFOP/ASM to IFS Cross Track
- March 9: Base Training
- March 25: IFS Track Training
- March 25: NEFOP Track Training

Quarter 2

- April 7: ASM Recert II
- April 8: ASM Recert I
- April 21: ASM Training
- May 19: R-Longline Training
- June 1: Base Training
- June 17: NEFOP Track Training
- June 30: Biological Port Sampling

Quarter 3

- July 8: Pilot Safety III _Stellwagen
- July 21: ASM Training
- Aug 12: Safety II
- Aug 18: R- HVF Training
- Aug 24: Pot Trap Training
- Aug 27: R-Longline Training
- Sept 10: Biological Port Sampling
- Sept 15: ASM to NEFOP Cross
- Sept 28: R-EM Audit Recert

Quarter 4

- Oct 6: ASM Training
- Oct 28: Clam Dredge Training
- Nov 3: ASM Recert II
- Nov 4: ASM Recert I
- Nov 9: R- EM Audit Training
- Nov 16: Pot Trap Training
- Nov 23: R-EM Audit Recert
- Dec 1: Pilot NEFOP Recert II
- Dec 2: NEFOP Recert I
- Dec 8: R- HVF Training
- Dec 9: Safety II
- Dec 11: Biological Port Sampling
- Dec 14:R- IFS / NEFOP to ASM Cross

NOTE: R= Remote / ~~Canceled/ Postponed~~

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Definition Page (alphabetical order)

Base: is the core training program required for entrance to any of the track-type certification trainings. Components mastered in the training could include but not limited to: Fish Identification, Safety Training, Incidental Take Identification and documentation, and basics of the Catch Estimation Program and Biological Sampling Program.

At-sea Monitor (ASM): is the core certification program comprised of four gear modules; Gillnet, Trawl, Longline, and Handline to observe the Groundfish Fishery.

At-sea Monitor Specialized: is a supplemental ASM certification program comprised of the NEFOP/IFS to ASM certification cross

At-sea Monitor Recertification I & II (ASM Recert): is the yearly recertification of the ASM certification comprised of four gear modules: Gillnet, Trawl, Longline, and Handline to observe the Groundfish Fishery. ASM Recert I is designed for the first year ASM observer. ASM Recert II is designed for the two year plus experienced ASM observer.

Audit Track: a model-type track of Electronic Monitoring to validate reported groundfish discards.

Electronic Monitoring (EM): Groundfish (EM GF) and High Volume Fisheries Industry Funded Monitoring (EM HVF IFM)(Offering Non-Operational): is the core certification program providing electronic reviewer training for Groundfish Fishery or HVF IFM Fisheries coverage.

Electronic Monitoring Recertification (EM Recert): is the yearly recertification of the EM certification as an EM reviewer in the Groundfish Fishery.

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High Volume Fisheries Track Industry Funded Monitoring At-sea Monitor (HVF IFM ASM) and Industry Funded Monitoring Observer (HVF IFM Observer): are the core certification programs comprised of the High Volume Fisheries gear modules of the Bottom Trawl, Midwater Trawl, and Purse Seine. (Offering Non-Operational)

High Volume Fisheries Specialized Industry Funded Monitoring: is a supplemental HVF IFM certification program comprised of the NEFOP to HVF IFM ASM and HVF IFM Observer certification to cross training in the HVF IFM program. (Offering Non-Operational)

Industry Funded Scallop (IFS) **Track**: is the core certification program comprised of the gear modules of the Scallop Dredge and Scallop Trawl to observe the Sea Scallop Fishery (both open and access areas).

Industry Funded Scallop (IFS) **Specialized**: is a supplemental IFS certification program composed of various gear modules. Supplemental gear and training modules include but not limited to ASM to IFS Cross Training and Scallop Trawl.

MREM Track: a model-type track of the Electronic Monitoring to confirm the vessels' retention of all allocated groundfish for dockside monitor to observe. (Offering Non-Operational)

Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP) **Track**: is the core certification program composed of two gear modules: Gillnet and Trawl to observe the Groundfish Fishery. Training could include Small Mesh Fishery, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Council (ASMFC), and Mid-Atlantic Gillnet Fishery.

Northeast Fishery Observer Program Specialized: is a supplemental NEFOP certification program composed of various gear modules. Supplemental gear and training modules include but not limited to ASM to NEFOP Cross Training, Pot and Trap (PT), Longline (LL), Shrimp Trawl, High Volume Fisheries (HVF), Clam Quahog Dredge (CD), and Biological Port Sampling (BPS).

Northeast Fishery Observer Program Recertification I & II (NEFOP Recert): is the yearly recertification of the NEFOP certification comprised of two gear modules: Gillnet and Trawl to observe the Groundfish Fishery. NEFOP Recert I is designed for the first year NEFOP observer. NEFOP Recert II is designed for the two year plus experienced NEFOP observer.

Other Event: is an event that the Fisheries Monitoring and Research Division (FMRD) supports within the Observer Training Center. Events could be conferences or meetings held by other NOAA Branches/Divisions or outside groups. This might affect space availability.

Portside Sampler (PSS): is the core certification program of the portside sampler for Atlantic Herring IFM coverage of the midwater trawl fleet. (Offering Non-Operational)

Safety Training: is the safety certification program comprised of two components: a basic Offshore Safety Training (Safety I) and an advanced Offshore Safety Training (Safety II & III).