

PROPOSAL 272

5 AAC 39.646. Shellfish onboard observer trainee program qualifications and requirements.

Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications, as follows:

5 AAC 39.646 is amended to read:

(a) To qualify as a crab or scallop onboard observer trainee, an applicant must have one of the following:

(1) a Bachelor degree **or higher from an accredited college or university with a major in the sciences of biology, any branch of biology, or limnology, which includes a minimum of 30 semester hours in applicable biological sciences with use of dichotomous keys in at least one course, and the successful completion of at least one course each in mathematics and statistics with a minimum of five semester hours total for both;** or

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current language does not specify a minimum amount of semester hours for applicable courses in the biological sciences and does not specify courses necessary to be successful performing the basic duties of an onboard observer. These requirements mirror the current minimum standards to qualify as a federal observer program trainee.

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