

## Changes to MBSS Fish Sampling and Fish Crew Leader Certification

As of 2014, Fish Sampling and Fish Crew Leader certifications will be effective for 3 years. Fish Taxonomy Certification requirements have not changed, and will remain valid for 1 year only.

For those who were certified in Fish Sampling and/or Fish Crew Leader in 2013, the 3 year certification will be retroactively effective. Therefore, certification will be valid until Dec. 31, 2015, provided that applicants register for and attend MBSS Summer training each year that certification is valid. Requirements for Year 1 will have to be completed again at the Summer 2016 Training session to begin a further 3 year Certification.

The following changes have been made to the Certifications:

### **Fish Crew Leader:**

**Certification valid for:** 3 years (until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> certification year)

**Cost of Certification:** Year 1 – \$400 (For-Profit Rate) or \$100 (NGO/Government Rate) + Cost of Registration for Summer Training  
Year 2 – Cost of Registration for Summer Training  
Year 3 – Cost of Registration for Summer Training

#### **Requirements:**

- Attend MBSS Summer Training (Fish Sampling and Crew Leader Certification Day of Years 1-3)
- Pass written Fish Sampling Protocols test administered during training (Year 1 only)
- Pass written Fish Crew Leader test (Year 1 only)
- Complete one field audit using standard MBSS protocols prior to sampling other sites (Year 1 only)

### **Fish Sampling:**

**Certification valid for:** 3 years (until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> certification year)

**Cost of Certification:** Year 1 – Cost of Registration for Summer Training  
Year 2 – Cost of Registration for Summer Training  
Year 3 – Cost of Registration for Summer Training

#### **Requirements:**

- Attend MBSS Summer Training (Fish Sampling and Crew Leader Certification Day of Years 1-3)
- Pass written Fish Sampling Protocols test administered during training (Year 1 only)