



May 23, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR: A.I.S., Inc.,  
East West Technical Services,  
Fathoms Research LLC, and  
MRAG Americas  
At-Sea Monitors, Industry Funded Scallop Observers, and  
Northeast Fisheries Observer Program Observers

FROM: Amy S. Van Atten   
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SUBJECT: Incidental Take Sampling Gear Update

To all observers,

During the manual update training, observers were provided with updated incidental take equipment. Some of the gear, however, had not arrived in time to be issued, and has been included as described below.

Firstly, **all observers should now possess a face shield** to minimize fluid exposure during incidental take handling. If you did not receive one while you were at Technology Park, and one is not included with this memo, you are encouraged to contact the Incidental Take Leads to have one delivered to you as soon as possible.

Secondly, you will find **one (1) waterproof sea turtle incidental take work slates included** with this memo to be added to your turtle kit.

Lastly, you will find a waterproof bag included. The purpose of this bag is to provide a separate waterproof housing for all turtle kits. To ensure your turtle kit is kept dry at all times, please **place all turtle sampling gear in this bag and keep it dry** in an easily accessible area (ex.mudroom), separate from your mammal sampling gear, which is kept in a waterproof bag on deck.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact  
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Attachment: none

Enclosures: (1) face shield, (1) waterproof sea turtle work slate, (1) waterproof bag