

Marbled Murrelet Marine Monitoring Protocol Training



Training opportunity for the staff, or contractors, of action agencies undergoing Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation for projects that may adversely effect marbled murrelets via exposure to elevated underwater sound. When implementation of the USFWS' Marine Monitoring Protocol is required, monitoring staff must be certified through this training process.

Pre-training Qualification: Trainees must have an education or work experience in biology, ornithology, or a closely related field, and at least one season of work with bird identification being the focus. Trainees must have experience identifying marine birds in the Pacific Northwest, as well as understanding and documenting bird behavior.

Certification: A certificate will be provided with successful completion of this training, including passing the written and photo examination with 90% proficiency. Certification is valid for one year.

Recertification: Certification is valid for an additional year if the observer can document that he/she implemented the monitoring protocol for at least 25 monitoring days in the previous year. Recertification is required every other year. If an observer does not meet the above criteria, then recertification through this training is required.

Training Currently Offered:

June 21, 2012 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Training Location:

Marine Science Center, Fort Worden, Port Townsend, WA



To Enroll: Provide a CV/resume detailing your qualifications and experience in bird identification (note the species that you have experience with) to:

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