



## MPSC COURSE SCHEDULE

### **Protected Species Observer Training** **OMNI Parker House Hotel - Boston, MA** **June 8-9, 2019**

*This course meets in downtown Boston and will include a vessel trip to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, one of the top whale-watching destinations in the world!*

#### Saturday, June 8

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| 9:00 - 10:30 am | Overview of seismic operations and regulations   |
| 10:30 - 10:45   | Break  |
| 10:45 - 12:00   | Life as a PSO and the role of a PSO aboard seismic operations, PSO monitoring requirements   |
| 12:00 – 1:00    | Catered lunch  |
| 1:30            | Arrive at the dock to board vessel   |
| 2:30 - 6:00     | Whale-watching trip to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Locate and identify animals, practice use of digital SLR cameras and manual settings for professional wildlife photography |

#### Sunday, June 9

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| 9:00 - 10:30 am | Protected species reporting and mitigation              |
| 10:30 - 10:45   | Break   |
| 10:45 - 12:00   | Locating and identifying marine mammals and sea turtles |
| 12:00 - 1:00    | Catered lunch   |
| 1:00 - 2:00     | Examination: Animal Identification                      |
| 2:00 - 2:30     | Break, prepare for regulations exam                     |
| 2:30 - 3:30     | Examination: Regulations and Reporting                  |
| 3:30 - 5:00     | Grade exams and certification!                          |