

Changes to MBSS Certifications in 2016

Starting in 2016, DNR will offer only four certifications for stream monitoring professionals. These include Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling, Benthic Macroinvertebrate Laboratory Processing and Subsampling, Fish Crew Leader, and Fish Taxonomy. Fish Sampling certification has been discontinued as of 2016.

Additionally, rates have changed for all MBSS certifications (See table below for details).

DNR also plans to add an additional taxonomic review day for MBSS summer training to provide attendees with more time to review fishes, herps, crayfish, mussels, and invasive plants. Stay tuned for more details on this. Information will be posted on the MBSS training website.

Revised certification fees for 2016:

Certification	For-Profit Business Fee	Government/NGO/ Academia Fee
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling	\$700	\$140
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Laboratory Processing and Subsampling	\$425	\$125
Fish Crew Leader	\$500	\$200
Fish Taxonomy	\$180	\$100
Fish Crew Leader/Taxonomy Bundle*	\$560	\$250

* Both audits must be conducted on the same day.