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**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION****Information Bulletin #80****SUBJECT:** Certified Boat Surveyors ([IC 14-15-6-2.5](#))**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this information bulletin is to provide the certified organizations that can provide boat inspections of boats that take passengers upon public water for hire, as required by [IC 14-15-6-2.5](#).

**2. Background**

Pursuant to [IC 14-15-6-2.5](#), the Natural Resources Commission (Commission) shall maintain a list of certified organizations that are approved to conduct underwater boat surveys. Any boat taking passengers upon public water for hire shall have a drydock inspection or an underwater survey of the exterior portion of the boat that is below the waterline once every sixty (60) months. Some boats require a crane to remove them from the water in order for the inspection to be conducted, which can result in a significant expense. An underwater survey may only serve to satisfy the requirement one (1) time every one hundred twenty (120) months. The underwater survey must be conducted by an inspector from one of the approved organizations listed below, thereby replacing the need to remove a boat from the water.

**3. Approved Certifying Organizations**

**SAMS:** Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors <https://www.marinesurvey.org/>

**ACMS:** Association of Certified Marine Surveyors <http://acms-usa.com/>

**NAMS:** National Association of Marine Surveyors <https://www.namsglobal.org/>

**USSA:** Navitech US Surveyors Association  
<https://www.edumaritime.net/florida/navtech-us-surveyors-association>

**4. History**

The Commission approved this initial listing of certified organizations that are approved to conduct underwater surveys at a regular meeting conducted on March 16, 2021. The approved information bulletin is published in the Indiana Register.

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