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April 10, 2023

Dear Valued Commercial Seafood Related Business:

The Alabama Marine Resources Division (AMRD) of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) was recently authorized to begin receiving applications for disaster assistance to eligible affected individuals and businesses under the *2019 Consolidated Omnibus Appropriation Act (PL 116-6)* and the *2019 Supplemental Disaster Appropriations (PL 116-20)* for losses suffered by our marine fishing industry in 2019 due freshwater intrusion. This program was developed to assist Alabama fishery-related businesses, impacted by the freshwater intrusion, in overcoming economic losses. Those engaged in commercial fishing, seafood processing, non-retail seafood dealers, live-bait dealers, oyster aquaculture, seafood aquaculture and commercial party boats (charter for-hire) are encouraged to apply.

In order to be eligible for the reimbursement program, qualifying fishery-related businesses must have experienced (between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019) as a result of the freshwater intrusion, a loss as compared to their average gross revenue earned in the preceding five years (2014-2018). Only Alabama residents and tribal members that are licensed as: saltwater commercial fishermen (i.e., those that possess licenses for fishing, taking/catching of oysters, for taking/carrying shrimp, for gill net fishing, and for "crab catching"), seafood or oyster aquaculture operators, non-retail seafood dealers or processors, live-bait dealers, or for-hire vessel owners/operators are eligible to participate in the program. These individuals and businesses must be able to substantiate their income reduction and complete the application process. Applicants holding more than one eligible license may submit one application for all licenses or one application per license.

The available federal allocation to Alabama participants is **\$8,619,393.00**. Due to the limited amount of funding, the combined need of our state may far exceed the funds available for disbursement. Therefore, a proportion of funds available to each applicant will be determined once all applications are reviewed and tabulated.

All interested parties must submit an application, available at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/2019-flood-relief>. Please review the requirements carefully to determine whether or not you or your business meet the minimum requirements. The completed application, signed and notarized affidavit, along with supporting documentation for damages/losses incurred must be returned to the **AMRD Gulf Shores office with a postmark date no later than June 2, 2023** to be considered for participation. It is recommended that application packages be sent via registered mail with a delivery confirmation. AMRD will not be responsible for lost or late application packages. Hand delivered applications will **ONLY** be accepted at the Gulf Shores office and they must be delivered no later than 5 p.m. on June 2, 2023. Electronic copies will **NOT** be accepted.

AMRD will review applications for eligibility and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) will dispense payments. An Internal Revenue Service Form 1099MISC will be issued to all award recipients. Please be aware that funds received from this program are subject to any applicable state and federal tax obligations. Furthermore, auditors may audit records of those who receive funds for up to three (3) years after reimbursement. Feel free to contact me at (251) 861-2882 if you have questions concerning this application. Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Alabama 2019 Flood Relief

Eligibility Requirements:

All applicants wishing to participate in the seafood businesses assistance program **MUST MEET AND PROVIDE PROOF FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Funding is only available to validly licensed Alabama resident businesses, tribal members and individuals in the following categories: saltwater commercial fishing, seafood processing, non-retail seafood dealers, live bait dealers, oyster aquaculture, seafood aquaculture and commercial party boats (charter for-hire), or an Alabama resident with a valid saltwater commercial license from another eligible state.
2. Applicants must provide proof of having been a valid Alabama resident or resident business between January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, and for the time period used to determine financial loss (up to 5 years). Residency is primarily determined by an individual's driver's license but may also be demonstrated by providing the following: previous year tax return (mailing address only), voter registration card home property tax, health insurance forms with address, last three months of a utility bill with address, certificate of employment, if containing proof of permanent residency, other legal documents that may establish residency after approval by ADCNR
3. Applicants must provide proof that their business was operational January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. Examples of excepted proof of business may include: valid seafood dealer license(s), applicable business license(s), Alabama Commercial Party Boat license, saltwater commercial fishing license(s) or other applicable documents.
4. Applicants must prove they suffered a financial loss of gross income within the fishery-related business as compared to an average of the same time period (January through December) for the previous 5 years (2014-2018) or an average of the time in operation if less than 5 years. In addition, an applicant must have been in business for all of calendar year 2018 and have been in business from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.
5. Applicants must certify that the amount of loss reflects only unreimbursed losses. Losses covered by insurance or through another federal assistance program must be deducted from award request. Total reimbursements from all assistance programs and insurance payments cannot exceed 100% of identified losses.
6. All applicants will be required to sign a notarized affidavit verifying that all submitted documents are true and correct.

Individuals/Businesses failing to meet any of the above requirements at the time of application submission may not be permitted to participate in this program.



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Documentation of Financial Losses:

Applicants seeking aid **MUST PROVIDE one or more** of the documents below showing unreimbursed financial loss during January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 related to the freshwater intrusion.

1. Filed Alabama Income Tax forms
2. Notarized letter from a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) documenting loss
3. Seafood sales transactions or receipts
4. Shipping and receiving documents
5. Trip tickets (can be for multiple states)
6. Federal vessel trip reports
7. Shellfish lease production reports that are required to maintain a shellfish lease
8. Accounting software reports
9. Other ledger-type documents indicating sales activities
10. Copies of appointment calendars (charter for-hire)
11. Booking system reports (charter for-hire)
12. Other documents as approved by AMRD.



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Alabama 2019 Flood Relief Application

Must be post marked no later than **June 2, 2023**

AMRD is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications.

Hand delivered applications will only be accepted at the AMRD Gulf Shores office.

Amendments to applications will not be accepted after June 2, 2023

Submit To:

US Postal Service:
Alabama Marine Resources
Attn: Nicole Beckham
PO Drawer 458
Gulf Shores, AL 36547

Common Carrier:(FedEx, UPS, etc)
Alabama Marine Resources
Attn: Nicole Beckham
999 Commerce Drive
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Name: _____

FEIN or SSN _____

Type of Business _____

Owner or President _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City _____ Mailing State _____ Mailing Zip _____

Physical Address _____

Physical City _____ Physical State _____ Physical Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email: _____

Financial Loss Calculator

Please provide the following information concerning financial losses from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 incurred as a direct result of the 2019 freshwater intrusion. Financial damage must be compared to the average income for the same time period in the previous the 5 years or the number of years you have been in business, if less than 5 years. Applicant must have a minimum of one year of eligibility and been in business or participating in an eligible fishery from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Name: _____

FEIN or SSN: _____

Average gross income for 1/1-12/31 for previous 5years: Year 1 (2014) \$ _____
Year 2 (2015) \$ _____
Year 3 (2016) \$ _____
Year 4 (2017) \$ _____
Year 5 (2018) \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Total \$ _____ ÷ No. of Years _____ = Average \$ _____

Gross Income for 1/1/2019-12/31/2019 \$ _____

Total loss \$ _____

Have you applied for other federal reimbursement for this damage? Yes () No ()

Requested loss for this application: \$ _____

Amount paid by other programs: \$ _____
(Federal or Insurance)

Payment type: Check Electronic fund transfer

For electronic fund transfer only

Bank routing number: _____

Bank account number: _____

Account type: Personal Business

**Documentation verifying the above claims MUST be included with application.
An IRS Form 1099MISC will be issued to all award recipients.**

AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Please print clearly

STATE OF _____

_____ COUNTY

I, _____, having been duly sworn, do hereby certify that I am an Alabama licensed commercial fisherman, or authorized representative of applicant License type: _____ or Business name and type: _____

I further certify that all documents submitted as part of the "Alabama 2019 Flood Relief " are true and correct and that no reimbursed or pending federal claim(s) exist for claim(s) filed through this grant program that would provide combined monies greater than my proposed loss and understand that those documents may be subject to review. I hereby release, hold harmless, and indemnify, the State of Alabama, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Alabama Marine Resources Division, and any and all of its employees and agents, from and against any damages, loss, or liability of any nature whatsoever, which any of said entities, employees, or agents, may suffer as a result of my or my business's participation in this program or application for assistance.

Signature

Sworn and submitted before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Affix Seal or Stamp Here

Notary Public

My Commission Expires



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Application Checklist

- Completed application
- Copies of Licenses for Eligible Fishery/Activity
- Financial Loss Calculator
- Financial loss supporting documents
- Signed Affidavit
- Completed W-9 form