

## 2019 Alabama Freshwater Flooding Frequently Asked Questions

**How much will payments be?** Alabama has **\$8,619,393.00** available for eligible participants. The amount of each payment will be determined by the amount of loss submitted by the applicant and the total amount of loss claimed by all applicants.

**How will payments be made?** Applicants may choose an electronic fund transfer (EFT) or a check in the mail. EFT information must be provided with the application.

**When will payments be made?** Payments are anticipated to be sent out prior to October 1, 2023.

**Who is eligible?** Alabama residents and tribal members that are licensed as:

- Saltwater commercial fishermen (i.e., those that possess licenses for fishing, taking/catching of oysters, taking/carrying shrimp, gill net fishing, and “crab catching”)
- Seafood or oyster aquaculture operators
- Non-retail seafood dealers or processors
- Live-bait dealers
- For-hire vessel owners/operators (charter boats)

Alabama residents who participate in similar activities as non-resident license holders in other states may also be eligible. They may use landing information from the state where they hold licenses to support their claim in Alabama.

**Who is not eligible?** Non-resident license holders, the non-resident license holder must apply for payment in their state of residency. They may use Alabama commercial trip tickets to support their claim in their home state.

Tackle supply retailers

Anyone not meeting the financial loss for the January 1–December 31, 2019, time period

Anyone not having been in the industry for all of 2018.

**What proves residency?** 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
- 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 Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR)

**What can I use to prove financial loss?** The following items may be used to document financial loss:

- Data from trip tickets and/or federal vessel trip reports
- Seafood business sales or transaction information
- State business registration information
- Purchasing and payroll documentation
- Shellfish lease production reports that are required to maintain a shellfish lease
- Payment documentation
- Possession of receipt books that support revenue loss

Income tax returns  
Other ledger-type documents indicating sales activities

**When must the application be submitted?** If sent by mail or other carrier, it must be post marked by Friday, June 2, 2023.

Hand delivered applications must be delivered to 999 Commerce Dr in Gulf Shores, AL by 5:00 P.M. Friday, June 2, 2023.

**What if I disagree with the payment amount?** An applicant will have 7 days to dispute an award amount or denial of a claim.

**Can I file for damage in more than one state?**

No, you must file in the state of your residency even if damage was incurred from activity that occurs in another eligible state.

Example: Commercial oyster harvester primarily works in Mississippi but has permanent residency in Alabama. They would apply through the Alabama Disaster plan and would use information such as MS license and landings to document their loss.

Total payments of any assistance may not total more than 100% of your damage determination.