

CARES-2 Frequently Asked Questions

How much will payments be? Alabama has **\$2,948,417.00** 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. Each applicant that establishes they have met the greater than 35% loss will receive a minimum of \$100.00.

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, 2021.

Who is eligible? Alabama residents 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.

Retail only seafood dealers

Tackle supply retailers

Anyone not meeting the greater than 35% financial loss for the March 1–December 31, 2020 time period

Anyone not having been in the industry in 2019

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, August 6, 2021.

Hand delivered applications must be delivered to 999 Commerce Dr in Gulf Shores, AL by 5:00 P.M. Friday, August 6, 2021.

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

What if I previously received payment from the Alabama CARES plan?

If your CARES Act Round 1 application submitted to MRD was approved and you received an award payment you may be eligible for an additional payment from these funds. You may apply in one of two ways.

1. You may request MRD re-submit your initial Round 1 application without any additional damage assessment. MRD will use the same method for calculating Round 2 disbursements as in Round 1 but the disbursements will be based on the latest number of applicants and total of damages requested. The attached resubmission request form must be completed, notarized, as well as a signed affidavit and self-certification form and returned to AMRD by the deadline.

Payments are made using the economic information and application submitted under Section 12005 of the CARES Act. This supplemental assistance was distributed using the original application and affidavit process from the Section 12005 funding. By accepting this funding from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, you are attesting that these additional funds do not make you more than whole as defined in your signed

original affidavit. Should these funds, or a portion of these funds make you more than whole, funds must be returned to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

2. You may submit a new CARES-2 application and include your damage calculation based on the longer time period for eligible losses.

Total payments of any assistance may not total more than 100% of your damage determination or your average annual revenue from the previous 5-year period.