



Sardine Disaster Relief Fund Disbursement Proposal

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Purpose of Webinar

- To engage with Pacific Sardine fishing industry
- To provide background on disaster relief process and timing
- To receive public feedback focused on Department-developed options



Background

- Congress approved \$1.6 million to California Pacific Sardine disaster
- NOAA established guidance for use of disaster funds
- Department responsible for determining how money will be allocated through grant application to NOAA Fisheries
- PSMFC will distribute funds based on CDFW determination



NOAA Guidance Summary

- Disaster proposal must include spending plan
- Spending plan describes:
 - why direct payments
 - how activities were prioritized
 - how assistance aimed at preventing future failures
- Cannot use funds for:
 - cost share or match to any other funds (federal or non-federal)
 - land purchases
 - loan programs



NOAA Guidance

“The spend plans...must articulate how the activities were prioritized and demonstrate how this assistance is aimed at preventing similar failures in the future. If the spending plan includes a request for direct payments, the project narrative must describe why direct payments, instead of long-term economic and environmental measures, are the best mechanisms to address the fishery disaster...”



Proposed Distribution

Total Sardine Disaster Funds	\$1,638,360
PSMFC Overhead (1%)	\$16,384
Research (20%)	\$327,672
Direct Payment (79%)	\$1,294,304

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LE CPS* Permit Holder (65%)	\$841,298
Processors (Buyers/Receivers) (35%)	\$453,006

*Limited Entry Coastal Pelagic Species



Qualification Criteria

- LE CPS Permit Holder :
 1. Held a federal CPS LE Permit 2014/2015, and
 2. Made Pacific Sardine landings in 2014 or 2015
- Processors:
 1. Possessed a California Fish Business License in 2014 or 2015, and
 2. Received Pacific Sardine in 2014 or 2015.



Payment Basis

- LE CPS Permit Holder:
Percent of total sardine landings* made between 2010-2014
- Processors:
Percent of total sardine landings received* between 2010-2014

*based on CDFW landings receipts



Payout Calculation

LE CPS Permit Holder:

$$\frac{\text{Total Sardine by vessel (2010 – 2014)}}{\text{Total Sardine landed in CA (2010 – 2014)}} \times 65\% \text{ direct payment amount}$$

Processor:

$$\frac{\text{Total Sardine by processor (2010 – 2014)}}{\text{Total Sardine landed in CA (2010 – 2014)}} \times 35\% \text{ direct payment amount}$$



Example of Payout

Hypothetical: Total Sardine landed from LE CPS Vessels from 2010-2014: 1,000,000 lbs

LE CPS Permit Holder	2010-2014 Landed Sardine (lbs)	Payout (\$)
LE CPS Permit Holder 1	80,310	\$67,565
LE CPS Permit Holder 2	17,897	\$15,057
LE CPS Permit Holder 3	1,203	\$1,012
LE CPS Permit Holder 4	580	\$488
LE CPS Permit Holder 5	10	\$8

LE CPS Permit Holder 2:

$$\frac{17,897 \text{ lbs}}{1,000,000 \text{ lbs}} \times \$841,298 = \$15,057$$



Direct Payment

1. Department provides PSMFC with list of entities/people who meet criteria and payment percentage/amounts
2. PSMFC mails claim form to each qualifier
3. Qualifiers return signed form along with completed W-9
4. PSMFC processes and mails payments
 - Payments cannot be processed if appeals are pending



Payment Timeline

- There is a single Federal disaster grant for both Sardine and Salmon
- Likely that PSMFC cannot process payments until BOTH disaster plans complete
- Unknown final timeline for payments



Research

- 20% of the funds (\$326,672) for research
- Research to help fund nearshore surveys (e.g., aerial, acoustics)
- PSMFC issue a grant to selected party to use for research funds





Questions and Answers

- State your name and affiliation, if any
 - *Please stay muted if not speaking*
- Feedback should consider NOAA Guidance



Next Steps

- Additional questions/comments may be submitted in writing until 5pm, Tuesday July 30, 2019
 - Trung.Nguyen@wildlife.ca.gov
- Public comments received verbally and via email will be summarized and shared in coming weeks:
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Thank You!

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