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Consolidated Appropriations Act Fisheries Relief (CARES II) CDFW Revised Spend Plan Overview

CDFW worked with industry leaders across eligible sectors to craft a revised spend plan that is responsive to:

- Lessons learned during the 2020 CARES Fisheries Relief Process
- Other States' plans and how they impact CA residents
- [Guidance from NOAA Fisheries](#)

Based on this, CDFW has prepared a revised plan that will be submitted to NOAA Fisheries for approval. The plan includes the following key requirements and proposed changes from the 2020 California CARES Act plan (additional details will be available in the plan, application packet, and FAQs following approval):

- Notifications and applications are anticipated to be available in mid/late-summer, with an anticipated application period of 45 days
- All potentially eligible CA license/permit holders will be notified by mail and email
 - By July 15, please make **CERTAIN** your **mailing address, email address, and phone number** are correct in the CDFW file (see instructions at the [web page below](#))
 - It is expected that online applications will be available and will be strongly encouraged for all applicants
- A **minimum 35% loss** in gross income is required
 - Applicants will be allowed to select a "loss window" that ranges from a minimum of 4 weeks to the full 2020 calendar year. The same loss window must be used when comparing past years across all eligible fisheries/sectors
- California residents who fished outside CA will be eligible to apply for CA funding
- **Payments will be based on the loss amount** submitted by applicants
 - If total losses of approved claims exceed available funds, maximum caps will be applied and payments will be reduced using a marginal rate adjustment to ensure a few large payments do not disproportionately impact participants with lower losses.

While the proposed plan is under review, potentially eligible applicants should do the following:

1. Ensure your contact information is accurate (see instructions at the web page below)
2. Gather your business records to help you select your loss window and calculate your claim.

Please direct questions to caresfisheriesinfo@wildlife.ca.gov and visit wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/Marine/CARES-Act for the most current information.