

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act



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CARES Act

On May 7, 2020, the Secretary of Commerce announced the allocation of \$300 million in fisheries assistance funding provided by Sec. 12005 of the CARES Act to states to help marine fishery participants who were negatively affected by COVID-19. To qualify, participants must have had an economic revenue loss greater than 35 percent as compared to the prior 5-year average revenue.

Texas	\$ 9,237,949
Louisiana	\$14,785,244
Mississippi	\$ 1,534,388
Alabama	\$ 3,299,821
Total	\$28,857,402

Louisiana

Final payments to all applicants were made on June 1.

The Commission paid 991 Louisiana applicants \$14,397,430.90 in total.

Alabama

The Commission received 74 applications representing 72 applicants.

The Commission made \$3,254,064 in payments to the 72 applicants in March.

Mississippi

The Commission paid 223 Mississippi applicants \$1,414,684.83 in claims on February 11.

Funding originally budgeted for project administration was repurposed in August to pay claims. These funds paid 169 applicants \$22,721.18 on August 24.

Texas

The Commission paid 134 Texas applicants \$8,968,804.98.

The 35 applicants in the commercial fishing sector were paid in full for their losses.

The remaining applicants will be paid in full from CARES Act 2.0 funds.

CARES Act Program

Overall, the Commission has paid \$28,057,705.89 to 1,589 applicants under the CARES Act program.



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CARES Act 2.0

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 was signed into law on December 27, 2020. The Act provided an additional \$300 million for fisheries disaster assistance. The funding was intended to respond to fishery related COVID-19 impacts previously authorized under section 12005 of the CARES Act.

Texas	\$ 7,795,841
Louisiana	\$12,477,165
Mississippi	\$ 3,000,000
Alabama	\$ 3,000,000
Total	\$26,273,006

Alabama

Alabama's spend plan for \$2.95 million was approved on June 21, 2021.

The spend plan provided direct payments to eligible fishery participants that suffered COVID related losses between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

Alabama opened their application period on June 28 and closed it on August 6.

On October 7, the Commission received 65 approved applicants from Alabama for \$2,948,417 in claims. These payments will be sent out as soon as NOAA Fisheries approves their claims.

Texas

The Texas spend plan for \$7.53 million was approved on June 21, 2021.

Since TPWD ran their initial CARES Act impact period from January 1 – December 31, 2020, Texas did not open another application period.

Texas was able to pay all of their commercial fishing sector applicants in full with CARES Act funds.

On September 24, the Commission received 99 approved applicants for \$946,234.76 in claims. These payments will be sent out as soon as NOAA Fisheries approves their claims.

Texas

These payments will pay all approved Texas applicants 100% of their claims.

The remaining CARES Act 2.0 funds will be used by TPWD and the Texas Department of Agriculture to support marketing efforts in support of the Texas seafood industry.

The goal of the project will be to unite popular seafood sectors by collectively expanding their marketing, tourism, and consumer education platforms.

Additional projects may be forthcoming.

Louisiana

The Louisiana spend plan for \$11.8 million was approved on June 17, 2021.

Funds will be used to provide direct payments to eligible fishery participants that suffered a greater than 35% loss of revenue for COVID related losses between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

The Louisiana application period ran from August 9-29, 2021.

Hurricane Ida impacts delayed processing of applications. LDWF will submit the final CARES Act 2.0 applicant list to the Commission by the end of October.

Mississippi

The Mississippi spend plan for \$2.9 million was approved on October 6, 2021.

Direct payments will be sent to eligible applicants who suffered a greater than 35% loss for at least 28 consecutive days between January through June 2020 and/or July through December 2020, as compared to the average revenue earned during the same period from 2015-2019.

Mississippi opened their application period on October 20 with the application period closing November 19.