



The Shrimp e-Advocate

The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Update

As you probably already know, educational benefits and payments under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers Program have been approved for applicants who produced shrimp during 2008. Producers who qualify must attend training sessions for which they will receive funds.

We are now in the initial phase for submitting TAA applications and determining whether you may be eligible, but there is no need to panic - the deadline to for applying is September 23, 2010. Of course, if you do not submit an application by the deadline you will not be eligible, but just submitting the application does not guarantee your eligibility.

In order to help you with your applications, SSA, along with 8 state Sea Grant Programs, is working with USDA to determine exactly what documents will be accepted in determining eligibility. If you want to begin looking at your individual situation, it would be a good idea to start by looking at your landings records for the years 2007 & 2008. These numbers will help you make the following basic comparison which is the easiest way at the present time to evaluate your eligibility:

You may be eligible if:

- You caught shrimp in 2008 **AND**
- You caught shrimp in at least one of the 3 years before that (2005, 2006 , and 2007)

AND...

The amount you caught in 2008 is **LESS THAN** the amount you caught in the most recent year you landed shrimp from 2005-2007.

There are other ways to qualify but they are either more complicated or it has not been determined exactly what documentation will be accepted to qualify under these provisions.

Within the next 2-3 weeks (about the end of July) USDA should have answers to what you can do to qualify if you do not qualify under the comparison above. When these issues are cleared up, a package will be sent out to licensed shrimp trawlers. The package sent out will contain application instructions, a program timeline, detailed explanations about eligibility and training requirements, and a list of FSA offices.

Also, please note that applications are to be submitted directly to the FSA (Farm Service

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Agency) - NOT SSA, Sea Grant or your local state regulatory agency.

For additional or more complete information, please refer to the USDA TAA Program official announcements in the Federal Register. Also, members are free to contact the Southern Shrimp Alliance:

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CDSOA Deadline Reminder

Just a reminder that the deadline to have the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act (Byrd) forms submitted is August 2, 2010. Your claim forms must be in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection office on or by August 2nd. If your 2010 claim forms are not received by customs on or before August 2nd, it will automatically be rejected. Be sure to mail your forms to the following address:

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Administration
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Revenue Division
Attention: Melissa Kurth
6650 Telecom Drive,
Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46278

If you have any questions regarding your CDSOA forms, please contact SSA at (727)934-5090 or Melissa Kurth, Revenue Division, at (317)614-4462.