



# 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.

**TAA UPDATE**

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## TAA Update

Unofficial numbers reviewed by the Southern Shrimp Alliance indicate that over 3,400 applications for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers (TAAF) program for FY2010 have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The large number of approvals appears to reflect the extraordinary efforts of USDA officials, both in regional offices and Washington D.C., to process and consider the applications of a large number of fishermen throughout the Gulf Coast and South Atlantic.

In addition to providing technical assistance to a large number of fishermen, the approvals potentially make available over \$41 million in cash benefits to successful applicants.

Although over 3,400 applications were approved, a little over 500 applications appear to have been denied. The Southern Shrimp Alliance understands that applicants that were denied benefits will receive formal notice of the denial from the USDA in the near future. The Southern Shrimp Alliance also understands that nearly half of these denials related to applications filed with the

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Farm Services Agency offices in Mobile County, Alabama and Cameron County, Texas.

For those informed that their applications have been denied, the denial decision can be appealed to the USDA. However, *everyone* - whether approved or denied - that has submitted an application and is seeking benefits under the TAAF FY2010 program *must* complete initial orientation training by December 22, 2010.

<b>FY2010 TAAF Shrimp Applications (Unofficial)</b>				
	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Denied</b>
<b>AL</b>	163	152	315	48.3%
<b>CA</b>	1	0	1	0.0%
<b>FL</b>	194	90	284	31.7%
<b>GA</b>	157	4	161	2.5%
<b>KY</b>	0	7	7	100.0%
<b>LA</b>	1404	35	1439	2.4%
<b>MO</b>	1	0	1	0.0%
<b>MS</b>	485	62	547	11.3%
<b>NC</b>	170	22	192	11.5%
<b>NE</b>	1	0	1	0.0%
<b>NM</b>	1	0	1	0.0%
<b>SC</b>	129	6	135	4.4%
<b>TX</b>	716	129	845	15.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3422</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>3929</b>	<b>12.9%</b>