



# 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 APPEALS**

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## TAA APPEALS

### December 22nd Training Deadline Will Apply to Appeals

Reviews of all TAA applications are now complete and each application has been determined to be approved or denied. There are no longer any applications that are "pending". To check on the status of your application, go to the website [www.TAAforFarmers.org](http://www.TAAforFarmers.org) and log in using your user-name and password. Look under the section entitled "Application" and it will tell you the status of your application. If your application was denied, you may appeal that denial by filing an appeal in writing within 30 days of the date on the notice of denial. Specific instructions on how to appeal will be contained in the notice and applicants should be receiving this notice soon.

**IMPORTANT!!! Even if you plan to appeal, you still must complete the Initial Orientation Training BY THE DEADLINE ON**

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**DECEMBER 22nd. Just because you are appealing does NOT allow you additional time to complete the Initial Orientation. No further TAA for Farmers benefits can be received unless the Initial Orientation Training is completed by December 22.**

There is reason to believe that some of the denied applications will be changed to "Approved" during the appeals process. It is also likely that the final decisions on appeals will not be made until after the deadline for completing the Initial Orientation has passed, but again, **there will NOT be additional opportunities to complete the Initial Orientation after the deadline.**

A complete list of Initial Orientation Training sessions can be found online at the website [www.TAAforFarmers.org](http://www.TAAforFarmers.org). If you cannot attend one of the training sessions, at the same website you may simply register and complete the training online. Many fishermen have used this convenient process. If you do use the online process, when you have finished the course (which takes about an hour), go back your account make sure that the section entitled "Phase 1. Initial Orientation" shows that you completed the section. If you did everything properly, it will say "Status: Completed". If it does not show as completed, there is something that remains for you to do. You should not need to start over, just go back in to your account and complete according to the remaining instructions.

