

# SEAFOOD TRADE RELIEF PROGRAM

USDA is helping U.S. fishermen who have been impacted by retaliatory tariffs from foreign governments through the Seafood Trade Relief Program (STRP).

## Overview

STRP is part of a relief strategy to support American producers while the Administration continues to work on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals to open more markets to help American farmers and fishermen compete globally.

STRP is funded by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and administered by the Farm Service Agency. FSA is accepting applications for STRP from **September 14, 2020** to **January 15, 2021**.

## Who is Eligible?

The program provides direct support to U.S. commercial fishermen who have a valid federal or state license or permit to catch seafood who bring their catch to shore and sell or transfer them to another party. That other party must be a legally permitted or licensed seafood dealer. Alternatively, the catch can be processed at sea and sold by the same legally permitted entity that harvested or processed the seafood.

Products grown in a controlled environment are not eligible for the program except for geoducks and salmon.

Payments are based on 2019 landings of:

- Atka mackerel
- Crab (Dungeness, King, Snow, Southern Tanner)
- Flounder
- Geoduck
- Goosefish
- Herrings
- Lobster
- Pacific Cod
- Pacific Ocean Perch
- Pollock
- Sablefish
- Salmon
- Sole
- Squid
- Tuna
- Turbot



STRP assists U.S. licensed or permitted commercial fishermen for covered species caught in U.S. waters. Seafood processors and processed products are not covered by this program.

## Payment Limitations

STRP prohibits a person or legal entity from receiving more than \$250,000 from the program. In addition, an applicant's average adjusted gross income (AGI) cannot exceed \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent of the AGI of the person or entity comes from farming, ranching, forestry, seafood harvesting, or related activities.

## How to Apply

Fishermen should contact their local USDA Service Center to apply for the program. To find your local Service Center, visit [Farmers.gov/service-locator](https://www.farmers.gov/service-locator).

The STRP application can be found on September 14, 2020 at [Farmers.gov/Seafood](https://www.farmers.gov/Seafood). FSA will work with fishermen via phone, email, fax, mail or online tools like Box and Onespan, and in person appointments where applicable.

A Call Center is available for fishermen who would like additional one-on-one support with the STRP application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

## More Information

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only, other restrictions may apply. For more information about the STRP program, visit [Farmers.gov/Seafood](https://www.farmers.gov/Seafood).