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Dear Customer,

Thank you for your interest in the **Seafood Trade Relief Program (STRP)**. STRP provides direct support to U.S. commercial fishermen who hold a valid federal or state license or permit. The catch must be sold to a permitted or licensed seafood dealer or by a permitted dealer if the catch is processed at sea. **The deadline to submit the CCC-916 STRP Application form is December 14, 2020.** The deadline to complete eligibility paperwork is 60 days from the date the CCC-916 application is signed.

Please find the following documents contained in this packet and may be needed to complete your application:

- AD-2047 Customer Data Worksheet
- AD-2106 Form to Assist in Assessment of USDA Compliance with Civil Rights Laws
- CCC-941 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information
- CCC-942 Certification of Income from Farming, Ranching, and Forestry Operations
- CCC-902I Short Form Farm Operating Plan for Individuals
- CCC-902E Farm Operating Plan for Entities
- CCC-901 Member's Information for Entities
- SF-3881 Payment Enrollment Form
- CCC-916 Seafood Trade Relief Program (STRP) Application

If you are applying to programs as an individual, sole proprietor, or DBA (doing business as), follow the instructions on page 3. If you are applying to STRP as an entity, please follow the instructions on page 5.

In addition to the above forms, you may be asked to provide the following supporting documents:

- 2019 and/or 2020 commercial fishing licenses and permits, including any licenses and permits leased, and
- Documentation showing the quantity of product sold to your seafood dealer(s) in 2019.

Please note, a percentage of program participants will be spot checked at a later date to evaluate the integrity and accuracy of the program. In order to provide records for those spot checks, records must be maintained for 3 years after applying for STRP. If you are selected for an audit of your certifications on these forms, these records will be required to support your submissions on the application.

Once your application packet is complete, please submit it to your FSA county office or the FSA Call Center for processing. You can find the contact information for the closest FSA county office by going to <https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator>. Your local office may have electronic methods for submitting your applications. Applicants who prefer to mail their application packet may do so to the following address:

**FSA Call Center
Chelan County FSA Office
215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801**

Due to the large volume of applications expected, please refrain from submitting your application multiple times. You should submit only one application packet to your local county office or to the Call Center address above.

If you have questions or need assistance regarding STRP, please call the **FSA Call Center at (877) 508-8364**.

Sincerely,

Farm Service Agency
United States Department of Agriculture

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 **December 14, 2020**.

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).