Fishery Financial Assistance
The CARES Act Quick Takes

Who is eligible?
- “Fishery Participants” with economic losses greater than 35% compared to the 5-yr average due to COVID-19. These include persons, fishing communities, certain aquaculture businesses, processors or other fishery related businesses.
- Tribal or subsistence fishery participants where COVID-19 negatively impacted subsistence, cultural, or ceremonial fisheries.

What Financial Assistance is Available?
- Congress appropriated almost $300,000,000 to NOAA for the program.

When is it available?
- Funds are to be awarded within a fishing season, and available on a rolling basis until funds are depleted or September 31, 2021, whichever occurs first.

How do I apply?
- To be determined. NOAA has not yet released guidance.