



# SELLING SEAFOOD TO USDA

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC QUICK TAKES

- Since the 1930's the USDA has used "Section 32" funds to purchase surplus commodities for distribution to school lunch programs, food banks, and other organizations.
- On May 4, 2020, USDA announced \$470 million in planned commodity purchases in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. \$70 million is allocated for purchases of fish.
  - Catfish - \$30 million
  - Haddock, Pollock, Redfish (Atlantic) - \$20 million
  - Pollock (Alaska) - \$20 million
- The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service will begin issuing solicitations in June for delivery to organizations in "food boxes."
- For more information on how to become a USDA approved vendor, visit:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/becoming-approved>



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