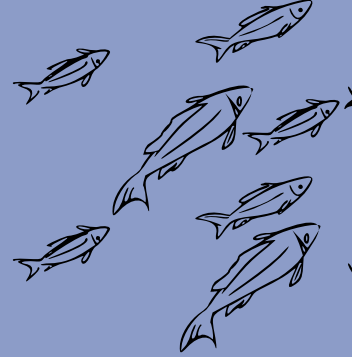




FLORIDA COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN DISASTER RELIEF RESOURCES

A guide to help commercial fishermen and their communities receive relief after natural disasters.



PREPARE BEFORE THE DISASTER:

To ensure the best chance to access financial relief, it is essential to prepare before a hurricane hits. Check your insurance information to see if it includes flood and windstorm coverage. If not, gain coverage if you are able. Document the belongings that could be damaged in a storm. Have insurance information handy and digitized so you can easily access it to file claims. Collect receipts and records to be ready to apply for NOAA Fishery Disaster Assistance. This is particularly important for charter for-hire fishermen and fish houses/wholesalers/fish processors.

1. Check status for flood and windstorm coverage
2. Take photo and video of your property to document pre-storm condition and items of value. List serial numbers and other identifying information for valuable items.
3. Write down insurance agency contact information and policy number to report claims
4. Collect receipts and records of 12-months of business revenue and operating expenses

POST-DISASTER BUSINESS RELIEF:

After a hurricane hits look for immediate support through Florida's state government. SBA Loans and FEMA Disaster Relief are the first step for quicker relief on the federal level. Ask state agencies to request NOAA Fisheries Disaster Relief on your community's behalf and check your eligibility once funds have been approved. Apply for federal grants alongside community partners to rebuild public infrastructure. NOAA Fisheries Disaster Relief and community grants will likely take more than a year to receive.

Immediate Support

Federal

- Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan
- FEMA Disaster Assistance

State

- Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan
- Rebuild Florida Business Loan Fund
- Florida SBDC Network
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
- FISH Emergency Financial Assistance

Extended Support

Businesses

- NOAA Fishery Disaster Assistance

Communities

- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding
- Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Grant
- Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant
- Small Shipyard Grant
- Port Infrastructure Grant

OTHER POST-DISASTER RELIEF:

There are multiple sources of housing, food or legal support after a disaster. Take advantage of free services to help store items to protect them from flooding, gain temporary housing, or acquire food for your family. Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Housing & Food

- Community Centers (Local Governments, Non-profits, Churches)
- Red Cross Open Shelters
- FEMA Individuals and Households Program
 - Housing Assistance
 - Other Needs Assistance (clothing, vehicles, furniture)
- Apply for D-SNAP food assistance

Employment & Legal

- Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- IRS aid
- Legal services
- Social Security Resources
- Assistance to Veterans
- Crisis Counseling

More information on
GetReady.gov and FloridaDisaster.org



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