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Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:37 AM
Subject: Fwd: Tribal Application: Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021

Dear Tribal Leaders-

I noted an error on the application instructions. It indicated that the applications were due on 7/7. They are due by midnight on 7/12. Please see the corrected version attached.

With apologies,
Heather

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From: Heather Sagar - NOAA Federal <heather.sagar@noaa.gov>
Date: Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 1:44 PM
Subject: Tribal Application: Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021

Tribal Leaders,

NOAA Fisheries Service would like to thank you for your thoughtful comments and meaningful input on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Act) coronavirus response and relief funding. We appreciate the time and attention you have devoted to NOAA Fisheries' consultation process for fisheries funding. NOAA came into the process with a blank slate and has finalized the application, allocation and distribution process based on what we heard and received from all of you. This email contains the final process, application and due dates.

Eligibility:

Funding is for Federally recognized tribes in any of the Nation's coastal States, Great Lakes States, and territories for direct and indirect fishery economic related losses as well as subsistence, cultural and ceremonial impacts related to COVID-19. Specifically, "federally recognized Tribes in any of the Nation's coastal States and territories, and federally recognized Tribes in any of the Nation's Great Lakes States with fisheries on the Tribe's reservation or ceded or usual and accustomed territory" are potentially eligible. For detailed information please see Division M (page 1815) of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

Allocation:

To allocate the \$30 million in Tribal fisheries assistance provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 NOAA Fisheries will use a methodology that meets our mutual goal to distribute the funds as quickly as possible while accounting for variability in the size of Tribal commercial and for-hire fishing and aquaculture industries as well as ceremonial and subsistence needs. NOAA Fisheries will split the funding evenly by allocating \$15M to the commercial and for-hire sectors and \$15M for ceremonial and subsistence losses.

For the \$15M for the commercial and for-hire sectors, NOAA Fisheries will use 2020 revenue loss of commercial fishing operations, aquaculture firms, the seafood supply chain (processors, dealers, wholesalers and distributors) and charter fishing businesses from each Tribal community compared to the prior five-year average to proportionately allocate the \$15M. Thus, the time period for this revenue loss have been extended from January 1 – December 31, 2020 as compared to the previous five year average revenues (i.e., 2015-2019). Tribes will provide this data via an application process. After reviewing the information provided by the Tribes, NOAA will develop the allocation for each Tribal community. To provide equity for those Tribes that were not eligible under the CARES Act, NOAA Fisheries will take into account any Section 12005 CARES Act funds (tribal and state funds) previously received by a Tribe when determining the allocation.

For the \$15M for ceremonial and subsistence impacts, the funding will be split evenly between eligible tribes that submit an application indicating negative impacts to ceremonial and subsistence fisheries, taking into account funds received under the CARES Act.

Application:

As requested in the consultation, NOAA Fisheries has developed a streamlined application (see attached). In addition, applications will come directly to NOAA Fisheries single point of contact (heather.sagar@noaa.gov). Finally, as requested by many Tribal Nations, you will not need to draft a spend plan or work through a fishery commission.

Distribution:

In response to concerns expressed by the Tribes, NOAA Fisheries will collaborate with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to distribute funds. BIA will use its standing 638 contracts, which will expedite the delivery of the funding. Once NOAA determines the allocation for each Tribal community, it will provide that information to BIA and BIA will distribute the funds to each Tribe.

Application:

Please provide one application package per tribe or tribal commission (see attached instructions for details) via email to NOAA Fisheries: heather.sagar@noaa.gov. Tribes with questions may also call 1-240-753-2752 for assistance. Complete applications must be received by **midnight July 12, 2021** to be considered for assistance.

Application Webinar:

Also, NOAA Fisheries leadership will hold a Webinar on **June 25, 2021 from 3-4:30pm** (Eastern Time) to answer questions about the attached application instructions. All tribal leaders representing Federally-recognized tribes are encouraged to attend. Natural Resource/Fishery Leads and tribal staff engaged in the application process are also welcome to attend.

Webinar information:

Date: June 25, 2021

Time: 3-4:30pm ET

Conference Line: 1-877-716-4288 or 1-630-395-0424

Passcode: 6268962

URL: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/>

Conference number: PWWXW2188616

Audience passcode: 6268962

Participants can join the event directly at:

<https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PWWXW2188616&p=6268962&t=c>

Again, thanks to all tribes who have provided feedback on this effort on the allocation, application, and disbursement process. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you.

Heather

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