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DRAFT Spend Plan for funds appropriated to address the 2020 Norton Sound, Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, Chignik, Southeast Alaska; and 2021 Yukon River salmon disaster determination. NOAA Fisheries has allocated \$55,928,849 for these salmon fishery disasters.

Written comments are requested on all elements of the proposed spend plan and should be as specific as possible. Comments will be posted as received online and therefore, ADF&G requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be included in written comments. Comments can be submitted by email to:

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Comments must be sent by October 6, 2022, for consideration in the next iteration of the spend plan. A second draft of the spend plan will be available for public comment before the spend plan is finalized.

Guiding principles for disaster fund distribution: Disbursement of funds is intended to:

1) assist fishery participants harmed by the 2020 and 2021 salmon fishery disasters and 2) improve fishery information used to assess and forecast future fishery performance and to develop management approaches that avoid and/or mitigate the impacts of future fishery disasters that cannot be prevented.

Proposed allocations to project categories: The proposed categories and allocations reflect comments received from initial stakeholder input.

Category	Allocation	Estimated funds
Research	12%	\$6,704,142
Communities	3%	\$1,676,035
Commercial and subsistence participants	85%	\$47,487,672
Program support	0.1%	\$61,000
Total		\$55,928,849

Research: Funds will be allocated to support projects that improve available fishery information and help prevent and/or mitigate future fishery disasters. The scope of this fishery disaster is statewide and includes all species of salmon, specifically:

- Chinook salmon in the Yukon River and Kuskokwim River,
- coho salmon in Norton Sound and Southeast Alaska,
- sockeye salmon in Chignik and Southeast Alaska,
- chum salmon in Norton Sound, Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, and Southeast Alaska, and
- pink salmon in Southeast Alaska.

ADF&G is not proposing to allocate research funding by individual fishery area in recognition that the cause of these fishery disasters span multiple regions, and proposed research projects may provide information for more than one fishery area and/or salmon species.

The following research themes have been suggested as priorities for funding:

- Research that provides non-adult abundance estimates that can be used in developing or improving forecasting tools.
- Research that improves understanding of the relative importance of specific mechanisms that drive abundance of Alaska salmon, which could include:
 - o how ocean/climate conditions impact future runs,
 - o the role of diet, health and disease on the survival and spawning success of Alaska salmon
- Improved methods for assessing adult salmon abundance (e.g., chum salmon on Kuskokwim River and in Norton Sound region).
- Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) analyses examining risks and tradeoffs of different management approaches for mixed-stock fisheries to refine stock-specific management and understand impacts of various management actions.

ADF&G is requesting input on these or other suggested research themes. In addition, recent Alaska disaster spend plans have used competitive and non-competitive bid processes to award research funds. ADF&G is requesting input on the appropriate award process for this fishery disaster spend plan.

Communities: Municipalities and boroughs rely on revenue generated from salmon landings and other economic activities related to the salmon fisheries. Currently, communities cannot receive direct payments and fishery disaster funds can only be used for managing, repairing, or maintaining approved infrastructure, services, or habitat that support salmon fisheries in the affected areas. Only communities that have a demonstrated loss of salmon landings due to the fishery disaster will be eligible for community funds.

Experience has shown that not all communities eligible for fishery disaster funds are interested in receiving them given that they can only be used for approved projects through a subaward to the federal fishery disaster grant. Therefore, ADF&G is proposing that community funds be made available through an open bid process rather than designating specific amounts to the eligible communities. This will help ensure that community-designated funds are fully utilized and made available to communities that are interested in receiving them.

Eligibility criteria for communities:

1. Salmon species included in this fishery disaster in the affected area(s) in the table below, must have been landed in the community in the year indicated based on Commercial Operators Annual Report (COAR) buying data.

Area	Salmon species	Year
Norton Sound	chum and coho	2020
Yukon River	Chinook and chum	2019 and/or 2020
Kuskokwim River	Chinook and chum	2019 and/or 2020
Chignik	Sockeye	2019
Southeast	Sockeye, chum, coho, and pink	2020

2. Total value for those salmon landings in the community must have an average exvessel value of \$10,000 or greater from 2017-2019.
3. Community must have a demonstrated loss in exvessel value greater than \$10,000 for those salmon species in 2020 as compared to the 2017-2019 annual average.

Commercial and subsistence participants: This category includes commercial harvesters, crew, and processors in the Norton Sound, Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, Chignik, and Southeast. It also includes subsistence households in the Norton Sound, Yukon River, and Kuskokwim River areas.

- Commercial harvesters: Direct payments to commercial fishery permit holders and their vessel crew who meet all eligibility criteria in the relevant area. Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) permit information and fish ticket data from commercial salmon landings will be used to determine eligibility and payment for permit holders.
- Processors: Direct payments to processing facilities. COAR fisheries production and value data will be used to determine eligibility and payment for processors.
- Subsistence households: Direct payments to subsistence households in the Norton Sound, Yukon, and Kuskokwim River areas. Payments are proposed to be based on an average of urban and rural food replacement costs for salmon species where harvest in the disaster year was at least 35%¹ lower than the previous five-year average. Available data show that the value of subsistence losses in the Norton Sound, Yukon River, and Kuskokwim River area in the disaster years was significant. In the Norton Sound area, the estimated replacement value of subsistence losses in 2020 were approximately 25% of the commercial fishery losses. In the Kuskokwim River area nearly all the estimated losses in 2020 were in the subsistence fishery. Likewise, the estimated replacement value of subsistence salmon losses on the Yukon River in 2020 and 2021 were far greater than the losses to the commercial fishery.

ADF&G is not proposing to include subsistence as a payment category for the 2020 Chignik and Southeast areas. The 2018 Chignik fishery disaster spend plan did not include subsistence as a category based on public input that providing funds for commercial permit holders and their crew was sufficient to mitigate subsistence fishery losses. The estimated replacement value of subsistence losses in Chignik due to the 2020 disaster was less than 2% of the commercial fishery losses. For these reasons, ADF&G is not proposing to include a subsistence category for the Chignik area in the 2020 disaster spend plan. Similarly, the estimated replacement value of subsistence losses in the Southeast area was less than 0.2% of the commercial fishery losses and subsistence fisheries in the Southeast region were not restricted in 2020. For these reasons, ADF&G is not proposing to include a subsistence category for the Southeast area in the 2020 spend plan.

Program Support: ADF&G is proposing to designate funds for staff working on fishery disaster plan development and implementation in coordination with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

ADF&G is proposing to allocate commercial and subsistence harvester funds proportional to the estimated loss in each of the following six fisheries:

¹ The 35% threshold is used in [NMFS policy guidance on Disaster Assistance](#) to determine whether a commercial fishery failure occurred.

Fishery	Estimated loss due to fishery disaster	Proportion of total loss	Proposed allocation
2020 Norton Sound commercial	\$2,085,776	2.1%	\$980,049
2020/2021 Yukon River & 2020 Kuskokwim River commercial	\$7,366,111	7.3%	\$3,461,133
2020 Chignik commercial	\$6,133,301	6.1%	\$2,881,870
2020 Southeast commercial	\$55,062,835	54.5%	\$25,872,515
2020 Norton Sound subsistence	\$535,440	0.5%	\$251,589
2020/2021 Yukon River & 2020 Kuskokwim River subsistence	\$29,881,540	29.6%	\$14,040,516
Total	\$101,065,003	100%	\$47,487,672

Subsistence Fisheries

Subsistence households in the Norton Sound, Yukon River, and Kuskokwim River areas are eligible for direct payments based on the number of shares they qualify for and the total amount of proposed funds to each area as follows:

2020 Norton Sound: \$251,589

2020/2021 Yukon River and 2020 Kuskokwim River: \$14,040,516

Eligibility criteria for subsistence households are based on criteria that were developed for Section 12005 CARES Act Fisheries Assistance. One household member will submit an application for the household. Eligible applicants will be placed into tiers based on household size in 2020 and in 2021 for Yukon River households. Smaller households with 1-3 members will be eligible for one share and larger households with four or more members will be eligible for two shares.

Household size	Number of Shares
1-3	1
4 or more	2

Applicants with an annual household income equal to or less than the poverty guidelines for the state set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the year 2020 will receive an additional share.

Eligible persons in household	Poverty Guideline	Eligible persons in household	Poverty Guideline
1	≤ \$15,950	5	≤ \$38,350
2	≤ \$21,550	6	≤ \$43,950
3	≤ \$27,150	7	≤ \$49,550
4	≤ \$32,750	8	≤ \$55,150

For households with more than 8 eligible household members, add \$5,600 for each additional person.

Total shares for each Yukon River household will be doubled to represent losses in 2020 and 2021. Shares for Kuskokwim River households are for 2020. Once all applications have been received, the

total number of shares in each area will be determined and payments for applicants will be calculated accordingly.

Subsistence household eligibility requirements:

1. All eligible household members **MUST** be Alaskan residents meeting at least one of the following criteria:
 - a) Eligible to receive an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend in 2021 for calendar year 2020*.
 - b) Possessed or eligible to receive a 2020* Alaska resident sport fishing license from the Department of Fish and Game.
 - c) Registered as a resident during 2020* with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.
 - d) Held a subsistence or personal use permit issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in 2020 in either the Norton Sound – Port Clarence Area defined at 5 AAC 01.150; the Yukon Area as defined at 5 AAC 01.200; or the Kuskokwim Area as defined at 5 AAC 01.250. Personal use fishery permits are **NOT** eligible for relief under this spend plan. They may **ONLY** be used to prove residency.
2. Applicant for household **MUST** be at least 18 years old to apply per federal requirements.
3. **MUST** self-certify that they are not de-barred from receiving federal funds and are not on the federal government “do not pay list”.
4. Eligibility will be determined by Alaskan household.
 - A household is defined as a person or persons having the same permanent residence.
 - All Alaskan households participating in subsistence fisheries may apply regardless of physical household address.
 - Only one application may be submitted per household.
5. One or more members of the household **MUST** have participated in a salmon subsistence fishery in at least two of the previous four years (2016-2019).
 - Participation includes harvesting, sharing, and/or using salmon subsistence fishery resources. Subsistence harvest does **NOT** require the use of a sport fishing license.
 - Subsistence fisheries are defined as fisheries on salmon stocks for which the Alaska Board of Fisheries has found there are positive customary and traditional uses, in addition to federal subsistence fisheries that have no state equivalent.
6. Eligible applicants **MUST** self-certify that their household has incurred a negative impact on their ability to access subsistence salmon fishery resources in 2020* that was directly or indirectly related to the fishery disaster.

*Criteria for Yukon River subsistence households can be met for either 2020 or 2021.

Commercial Fisheries

2020 Norton Sound commercial (\$980,049):

2020 Norton Sound commercial		Estimated funds
Harvesters (85%)	S04Z permit holders (90%)	\$749,737
	Crew (10%)	\$83,304
Processors (15%)		\$147,007

Norton Sound Harvesters – 85%. The harvester allocation will be divided into two pools, one for S04Z permit holders (85%) and one for vessel crew members (15%). The split between permit holders and crew members is based on a typical crew size of one person earning a 10% crew share.

Norton Sound Permit holders (90% of harvester pool). Eligibility criteria for Norton Sound permit holders:

1. S04Z permit must have been used to make Norton Sound chum or coho salmon landings in 2020.

Funds are proposed to be paid to the person listed as the 2020 ‘Permit holder’ in the CFEC database. Temporary holders through emergency transfer and permit holders who permanently transferred a permit away in 2020 will not receive payments.

Permit holder funds will be distributed based on the following four tiers. Four tiers are established based on the 2017-2019 average estimated CFEC exvessel value for chum and coho salmon landed on each permit. Landings from 2020 will be used for permit holders who do not have a 2017-2019 average. Each eligible permit holder in the same tier would receive an equal payment.

Tier level	2017-2019 average CFEC exvessel value of chum and coho salmon landings	Tier allocation	Est. number of eligible permit holders
1	≥ \$30,000	40%	24
2	\$20,000 - \$29,999	26%	25
3	\$10,000 - \$19,999	27%	43
4	≤ \$9,999	7%	29

Norton Sound Crew (10% of harvester pool). Crew that meet all criteria are eligible to receive an **equal payment** from the crew member pool. Eligibility criteria for Norton Sound fishing crew:

1. Crew member must have held a 2020 commercial crew license or a 2020 CFEC permit for any fishery. This information will be verified using the ADF&G Licensing database and the CFEC permit database.
2. Crew member must provide information to show they participated as fishing crew in the 2020 commercial Norton Sound salmon fishery for a qualified permit holder, based on an affidavit from the permit holder.

3. Crew member must not be eligible for fishery disaster funds under the Norton Sound permit holder category.

Norton Sound Processors – 15%. Norton Sound salmon processing facilities that meet all criteria are eligible for payment based on the average wholesale value of Norton Sound chum and coho salmon processed by the facility from 2017 to 2019 using COAR data.

Norton Sound Processor eligibility criteria:

1. Processing facility must have processed Norton Sound chum and/or coho salmon in 2020.
2. Processing facility must have a 2020 wholesale value of \$10,000 or greater for Norton Sound chum and/or coho salmon.

Disaster payments to processing facilities are **pro rata** to their facility’s demonstrated loss. The loss is proposed to be calculated as the facility’s 2017-2019 average wholesale value for Norton Sound chum and/or coho salmon compared to the 2020 wholesale value for Norton Sound chum and/or coho salmon.

2020/2021 Yukon River and 2020 Kuskokwim River commercial (\$3,461,133):

2020/2021 Yukon River & 2020 Kuskokwim River commercial		Estimated funds
Harvesters (85%)	S04Y and S04W permit holders (90%)	\$2,647,767
	Crew (10%)	\$294,196
Processors (15%)		\$519,170

Yukon River and Kuskokwim River Harvesters – 85%. Funds provided for this fishery disaster cover both the 2020 and 2021 fishing seasons on the Yukon River and the 2020 fishing season on the Kuskokwim River. For that reason, ADF&G is proposing that eligible Kuskokwim River permit holders and crew receive 50% of the payment that eligible Yukon River permit holders and crew receive.

The harvester allocation will be divided into two pools, one for S04Y and S04W permit holders (90%) and one for crew members (10%). The split between permit holders and crew members is based on a typical crew size of one person earning a 10% crew share.

Yukon River and Kuskokwim River permit holders (90% of harvester pool). Eligibility criteria for Yukon River and Kuskokwim River permit holders:

1. S04Y or S04W permit card must have been used to make Chinook and/or chum salmon landings in either 2019 or 2020. Landings on an S04W permit must have been from the Kuskokwim River (ADF&G statistical area 033511, 033512, 033513, 033514, or 033520).

Funds are proposed to be paid to the person listed as the 2020 ‘Permit holder’ in the CFEC database. Temporary holders through emergency transfer and permit holders who permanently transferred a permit away in 2020 will not receive payments.

Permit holder funds will be distributed based on the following four tiers. Four tiers are proposed based on the 2017-2019 average estimated CFEC exvessel value for Chinook and/or chum salmon landed on each permit. Landings from 2020 will be used for new permit holders who do not have a 2017-2019 average. Each eligible S04Y permit holder in the same tier would receive an equal

payment. Each eligible S04W permit holder would receive 50% of an equal tier payment because this fishery disaster covers only the 2020 fishing year for the Kuskokwim River.

Tier level	2017-2019 average CFEC exvessel value of salmon landings	Tier allocation	Est. number of eligible permit holders
1	≥ \$14,000	23%	41
2	\$10,000 - \$13,999	25%	65
3	\$6,000 - \$9,999	29%	113
4	≤ \$5,999	23%	221

Yukon River and Kuskokwim River Crew (10% of harvester pool): Crew that meet all criteria and worked for a Yukon River permit holder are eligible to receive an **equal payment** from the crew member pool; crew that worked for a Kuskokwim River permit holder are eligible to receive 50% of an equal payment. Eligibility criteria for Yukon River and Kuskokwim River fishing crew:

1. Crew member must have held a 2019 or 2020 commercial crew license or a 2019 or 2020 CFEC permit for any fishery. This information will be verified using the ADF&G Licensing database and the CFEC permit database.
2. Crew member must provide information to show they participated as fishing crew in the 2019 or 2020 commercial Yukon River or Kuskokwim River salmon fishery for a qualified permit holder, based on an affidavit from the permit holder.
3. Crew member must not be eligible for fishery disaster funds under the Yukon River and Kuskokwim River permit holder category of this distribution plan.

Yukon River Processors – 15%: Yukon River salmon processing facilities that meet all criteria are eligible for payment based on the average wholesale value of Yukon River Chinook and/or chum salmon processed by the facility from 2017-2019 using COAR data. No commercial processing facilities have operated on the Kuskokwim River since 2015 and so none are proposed to be included in this fishery disaster spend plan.

Yukon River Processor eligibility criteria:

1. Processing facility must have processed Yukon River Chinook and/or chum salmon in 2019 or 2020.
2. Processing facility must have a 2019 or 2020 wholesale value of \$10,000 or greater for Yukon River Chinook and/or chum salmon.

Disaster payments to processing facilities are **pro rata** to the facility’s demonstrated loss. The loss is proposed to be calculated as the facility’s 2017-2019 average wholesale value for Yukon River Chinook and/or chum salmon compared to its 2020 average wholesale value for Yukon River Chinook and/or chum salmon.

2020 Chignik commercial (\$2,881,870):

2020 Chignik commercial		Estimated funds
Harvesters (85%)	S01L permit holders (75%)	\$1,837,192
	Crew (25%)	\$612,397
Processors (15%)		\$432,280

Chignik Harvesters – 85%: The harvester allocation will be divided into two pools, one for vessel permit holders (75%) and one for vessel crew members (25%). The split between permit holders and crew members is based on average crew size and crew shares and considers the higher initial costs borne by the vessel operators that are typically reimbursed through standard deductions to crew pay when the fishery is open.

Chignik Permit holders (75% of harvester pool). Eligibility criteria for Chignik permit holders:

1. S01L permit card must have been valid in 2020.
2. Permit must have been used to make Chignik sockeye salmon landings in 2019.
3. Permit holder did not make landings in another 2020 salmon seine fishery.

Funds are proposed to be paid to the person listed as the 2020 ‘Permit holder’ in the CFEC database. Temporary holders through emergency transfer and permit holders who permanently transferred a permit away in 2020 will not receive payments.

Each permit holder who meets all three eligibility criteria above will receive a minimum payment of \$30,000 plus a tier payment as described below, except those eligible permit holders who made landings on the same vessel in 2019. If more than one eligible permit holder made landings on the same vessel in 2019, the total payment will be calculated at the vessel level and divided between eligible permit holders pro rata to their 2019 sockeye salmon landings. Forty-eight permit holders across 47 vessels are estimated to be eligible for disaster funds based on the proposed criteria.

ADF&G is proposing to use pounds instead of estimated value for the Chignik area to establish tiers because sockeye salmon were the only species included in the fishery disaster for the Chignik area. Four tiers are proposed based on the pounds of commercial sockeye salmon landed in 2019 on each permit, or vessel if more than one permit holder landed sockeye salmon on the same vessel. Twenty-five percent of the remaining funds, after accounting for minimum payments, will be allocated to each tier and each eligible permit holder in the same tier would receive an equal payment.

Tier level	Sockeye salmon landings in 2019	Tier allocation	Est. number of eligible permit holders
1	≥ 115,000 pounds	25%	7
2	89,000 – 114,999 pounds	25%	8
3	60,000 – 88,999 pounds	25%	11
4	≤ 59,999 pounds	25%	21

Chignik Vessel Crew (25% of harvester pool). Vessel crew that meet all criteria are eligible to receive an **equal payment** from the crew member pool. Eligibility criteria for vessel crew:

1. Crew member must have held a 2019 or 2020 commercial crew license or a 2019 or 2020 CFEC permit for any fishery. This information will be verified using the ADF&G Licensing database and the CFEC permit database.
2. Crew member must provide information to show they participated as fishing crew in the 2019 commercial Chignik salmon fishery for a qualified permit holder, based on an affidavit from the permit or vessel holder.
3. Crew member must not be eligible for fishery disaster funds under the Chignik permit holder category of this distribution plan.

Chignik Processors – 15%. Chignik salmon processing facilities that meet all criteria are eligible for payment based on the average wholesale value of Chignik sockeye salmon processed by the facility from 2015 to 2017 using COAR data. Processor eligibility criteria:

1. Processing facility must have processed Chignik sockeye salmon in 2019.
2. Processing facility must have a 2019 wholesale value of \$10,000 or greater for Chignik sockeye salmon.

Disaster payments to processing facilities are **pro rata** to the facility’s demonstrated loss. The loss is proposed to be calculated as the facility’s 2015-2017 average wholesale value for Chignik sockeye salmon compared to 2019 average wholesale value for Chignik sockeye salmon.

2020 Southeast commercial (\$25,872,515):

2020 Southeast commercial		Estimated funds
Harvesters (85%)	S01A permit holders (48.9%)	\$10,753,911
	S03A permit holders (22.4%)	\$4,926,127
	S05B/S15B permit holders (8.7%)	\$1,913,273
	Crew (20%)	\$4,398,328
Processors (15%)		\$3,880,877

Southeast Harvesters – 85%: The harvester allocation is proposed to be divided into four pools: S01A permit holders, S03A permit holders, S05B/S15B permit holders, and crew members. The proposed allocation for crew members would come ‘off the top’ and is based the average crew size across all Southeast salmon gear types and considers the higher initial costs borne by the vessel operators that are typically reimbursed through standard deductions to crew pay when the fishery is open. The remaining funds are proposed to be split among the gear groups based on the proportion of fishery revenue losses in the disaster year compared to the 2015-2019 average.

Southeast Permit holders: Funds are proposed to be paid to the person listed as the 2020 ‘Permit holder’ in the CFEC database. Temporary holders through emergency transfer and permit holders who permanently transferred a permit away in 2020 will not receive payments.

- Eligibility criterion for seine (S01A) permit holders (48.9% of harvester pool). S01A permit must have been used to make a landing for sockeye, chum, coho, and/or pink salmon in 2020.

S01A permit holder funds will be distributed based on the following four tiers. Four tiers are proposed based on the 2017-2019 average estimated CFEC exvessel value for sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon landed on each permit. Based on public comments received from Southeast harvesters, ADF&G is proposing to use the annual fleet average for permit holders that do not have a fishery value in 2017, 2018, and/or 2019. Each eligible permit holder in the same tier would receive an equal payment.

ADF&G is requesting input on whether additional considerations should be incorporated into the spend plan for the permit owned by the Metlakatla Reservation.

Tier level	2017-2019 average CFEC exvessel value of sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon landings	Tier allocation	Est. number of eligible permit holders
1	≥ \$363,000	25%	29
2	\$274,000 - \$362,999	25%	43
3	\$232,000 - \$273,999	25%	54
4	≤ \$231,999	25%	78

- Eligibility criterion for gillnet (S03A) permit holders (22.4% of harvester pool): S03A permit must have been used to make a landing for sockeye, chum, coho, and/or pink salmon in 2020.

S03A permit holder funds will be distributed based on the following four tiers. Four tiers are proposed based on the 2017-2019 average estimated CFEC exvessel value for sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon landed on each permit. Based on public comments received from Southeast harvesters, ADF&G is proposing to use the annual fleet average for permit holders that do not have a fishery value in 2017, 2018, and/or 2019. Each eligible permit holder in the same tier would receive an equal payment.

ADF&G is requesting input on whether additional considerations should be incorporated into the spend plan for the permit owned by the Metlakatla Reservation.

Tier level	2017-2019 average CFEC exvessel value of sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon landings	Tier allocation	Est. number of eligible permit holders
1	≥ \$106,000	25%	43
2	\$74,000 - \$159,999	25%	74
3	\$58,500 - \$73,999	25%	98
4	≤ \$58,499	25%	156

- Eligibility criteria for troll (S05B or S15B) permit holders (8.7% of harvester pool). Troll permit holders who meet the criteria are eligible to receive an **equal payment** from the troll portion of the harvester pool.

1. Total 2020 estimated CFEC value for Southeast sockeye, chum, coho, and/or pink salmon landed on an S05B or S15B permit must be greater than \$8,000.
2. Troll permit holder must have a demonstrated loss in 2020 estimated CFEC exvessel value as compared to their 2017-2019 average CFEC exvessel value for sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon. Based on public comments received from Southeast harvesters, ADF&G is proposing to use the annual fleet average for permit holders that do not have a fishery value in 2017, 2018, and/or 2019.

Southeast Crew (20% of harvester pool). Crew that meet all criteria are eligible to receive an **equal payment** from the crew member portion of the harvester pool. Eligibility criteria for fishing crew:

1. Crew member must have held a 2020 commercial crew license or a 2020 CFEC permit for any fishery. This information will be verified using the ADF&G Licensing database and the CFEC permit database.
2. Crew member must provide information to show they participated as fishing crew in the 2020 commercial Southeast salmon fishery for a qualified permit holder, based on an affidavit from the permit or vessel holder.
3. Crew member must not be eligible for fishery disaster funds under the Southeast permit holder category of this distribution plan.

Southeast Processors – 15%: Southeast salmon processing facilities that meet all criteria are eligible for payment based on the average wholesale value of Southeast sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon processed by the facility from 2017-2019 using COAR data. Processor eligibility criteria:

1. Processing facility must have processed Southeast sockeye, chum, coho, and/or pink salmon in 2020 with a wholesale value of at least \$20,000.
2. Processing facility must have a demonstrated loss in wholesale value of Southeast sockeye, chum, coho, and/or pink salmon in 2020 as compared to their 2017-2019 average wholesale value of Southeast sockeye, chum, coho, and/or pink salmon.

Disaster payments to processing companies are **pro rata** to their demonstrated loss.