

# COMMERCIAL SECTOR LOBSTER WORK GROUP

## Consolidated Appropriations Act (CARES ACT 2.0) – FISHERIES

(Supports same activities as Sec. 12005 of the  
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act)

# HISTORY CARES 1.0

- Commercial Sector – Lobster/Aquaculture Payout  
\$929,611.13
- 61 applicants, 59 recipients, 102 prequalified
- Applicants paid out completely
- One appeal who was preauthorized for a \$19,914 loss

# HISTORY CARES 1.0

Sector	Allocation	Approved Funds Applied For	Funds Paid	% Funds Paid	\$ Loss Remaining	\$ Late Applications	Total \$ Loss Remaining
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>\$1,066,848.00</b>	<b>\$1,343,717.76</b>	<b>\$1,066,847.64</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>\$276,870.12</b>	<b>\$39,139.00</b>	<b>\$316,009.12</b>
<i>Lobster and Crab/Aquaculture</i>	<i>\$1,002,837.00</i>	<i>\$929,611.13</i>	<i>\$929,611.13</i>	<i>100%</i>		<i>\$19,914.00</i>	<i>\$19,914.00</i>
<i>Commercial Saltwater</i>	<i>\$64,010.86</i>	<i>\$414,106.63</i>	<i>\$137,236.51</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>\$276,870.12</i>	<i>\$19,225.00</i>	<i>\$296,095.12</i>
<b>Seafood Sector</b>	<b>\$1,479,220.00</b>	<b>\$2,843,728.78</b>	<b>\$1,479,220.21</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>\$1,364,508.57</b>		<b>\$1,364,508.57</b>
<b>For-Hire</b>	<b>\$114,400.10</b>	<b>\$229,994.83</b>	<b>\$114,400.12</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>\$115,594.71</b>		<b>\$115,594.71</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,660,468.10</b>	<b>\$4,417,441.37</b>	<b>\$2,660,467.97</b>		<b>\$1,756,973.40</b>	<b>\$39,139.00</b>	<b>\$1,796,112.40</b>

# CARES 2.0

- March 29, 2021:
  - NOAA Fisheries announced allocation of \$255 million in fisheries assistance funding.
  - The funding supports activities previously authorized under CARES 1.0.
  - Allocated to states and territories with coastal and marine fishery participants who have been negatively affected by COVID-19.
- June 23, 2021- 1<sup>st</sup> NH Commercial Lobster Work Group Meeting

# CARES ACT 2.0 CRITERIA

- NH resident (person, LLC, company, etc.) only.
- >35% Economic Loss compared to prior 5-year average.
- Only Fisheries Related:
  - Qualifying: **Commercial Fishing**, For-Hire, Aquaculture, Processors/Dealers, and “Other” Related Fishery Businesses.
  - Non-Qualifying: Further down the supply chain; such as vessel repair, restaurants, or seafood retailers.

## CARES ACT 2.0 CRITERIA (continued)

- Cannot compensate, state, local, or tribe for lost municipal or government tax revenue
- Only address fishery-related direct or indirect losses
- **Cannot apply to other federal programs for assistance to address the same impacts resulting from COVID-19.**
- **Cannot be compensated from all federal programs combined for assistance to address COVID-19 for more than related losses. “Cannot be made more than whole of loss”.**

# NH CARES ACT PACKAGE

Entity	<i>Percentage of Total Annual Revenue (All Sectors)</i>				Allocation	After NOAA/ASMFC overhead
	For-Hire Fishing	<u>Commercial Fishing and Aquaculture</u>	Seafood Sector	Tribal Commercial Fishing, Aquaculture & For Hire		
New Hampshire	4.30%	40.10%	55.60%		\$3,000,000	\$2,959,612

# NH Commercial Lobster 2015-2020

Month/Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
2015	\$1,995,291	\$1,499,257	\$1,571,877	\$1,370,062	\$1,492,004	\$1,605,537	\$2,912,261
2016	\$2,128,813	\$2,005,376	\$1,469,473	\$1,188,940	\$1,204,889	\$1,966,910	\$3,854,538
2017	\$2,355,263	\$1,708,787	\$1,400,478	\$1,633,022	\$1,637,061	\$1,953,817	\$3,992,898
2018	\$2,741,947	\$2,341,013	\$2,325,864	\$1,727,491	\$1,598,705	\$1,903,539	\$4,814,278
2019	\$2,725,244	\$2,384,797	\$1,671,896	\$1,418,614	\$1,527,617	\$1,655,483	\$4,512,336
2020	\$2,642,208	\$1,398,755	\$801,399	\$442,605	\$1,193,667	\$1,275,845	\$2,891,943
<b>Average Value 2015-2019</b>	<b>\$2,389,312</b>	<b>\$1,987,846</b>	<b>\$1,687,917</b>	<b>\$1,467,626</b>	<b>\$1,492,055</b>	<b>\$1,817,057</b>	<b>\$4,017,262</b>
<b>Percent Change in Value</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>-53%</b>	<b>-70%</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>-28%</b>
<b>Value of Loss</b>		<b>\$589,091</b>	<b>\$886,519</b>	<b>\$1,025,021</b>	<b>\$298,389</b>	<b>\$541,212</b>	<b>\$1,125,319</b>

Month/Year	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2015	\$2,981,342	\$2,504,236	\$2,435,520	\$1,795,791	\$2,474,585	\$24,637,764
2016	\$4,139,675	\$2,868,778	\$2,978,850	\$3,033,306	\$2,883,729	\$29,723,277
2017	\$5,168,849	\$3,277,221	\$3,337,072	\$2,372,744	\$3,011,350	\$31,848,563
2018	\$4,877,949	\$3,466,773	\$3,202,144	\$2,969,558	\$3,518,772	\$35,488,032
2019	\$5,834,428	\$3,389,172	\$3,638,409	\$3,423,964	\$3,483,421	\$35,665,380
2020	\$3,731,136	\$2,669,664	\$3,725,917	\$2,979,221	\$2,792,811	\$26,545,169
<b>Average Value 2015-2019</b>	<b>\$4,600,449</b>	<b>\$3,101,236</b>	<b>\$3,118,399</b>	<b>\$2,719,072</b>	<b>\$3,074,372</b>	<b>\$31,472,603</b>
<b>Percent Change in Value</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>Value of Loss</b>	<b>\$869,312</b>	<b>\$431,572</b>			<b>\$281,561</b>	<b>\$4,927,434</b>



# TASK

- Questions on CARES 2.0
- Discussion:
  - Data Review
    - Lobster
  - Timing of Data Review
    - Same (March 1 – July 31)?
      - Payout remaining losses of CARES 1.0 qualified applicants
    - Select different months?
  - Direct Payments
    - No minors

# TASK (Continued)

- Fishery-related Infrastructure (repairs, or improve fish distribution, or storage based on mitigating impacts of COVID)
- Fishery-related Programs
  - Seafood marketing programs
  - Fishery related training programs
  - Seafood educational programs
  - Promotion and development of seafood products
  - Pilot programs (new market initiatives for underutilized spp.)
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## Next Steps for Workgroup

- Draft Strawman Plan (1 to 2 meetings)
- Send Survey to NH Qualified Licensed Commercial Saltwater/Lobster Fleet
  - Email or paper
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting to Review Survey Responses
- Finalize Spend Plan
  - Associate Funding to Spend Plan

## Next Steps for NHF&G

- Draft Spend Plan for all CARES Associated Fisheries
- Send Spend Plan to ASMFC and NOAA Fisheries for Approval
- Start the Qualification Process
- Upon Approval by NHF&G:
  - ASMFC will distribute individual funds to NH CARES qualifiers (before 9/30/2021)
  - Programs – May be able to initiate after 9/30