COVID-19 Resources for Fisheries and Aquaculture
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Financial Relief Programs

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance
https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources (SBA)

SBA Informational PowerPoint on COVID-19 Assistance
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-iP5QJGt0Zmijn8ZncSejYhWcD9atjA5f/view

National Restaurant Association Restaurant Employee Relief Fund
https://rerf.us/

USDA
https://www.ams.usda.gov/content/extension-grant-application-deadlines-fmlfpp-and-rspp-grants
Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program
Regional Food System Partnerships Program

Small Business Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

The Paycheck Protection Program provides small businesses with funds to pay up to 8 weeks of payroll costs including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities.

How to Apply
A list of participating lenders as well as additional information and full terms can be found here.

Paycheck Protection Program Borrower Application Form

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) INFORMATION SHEET: BORROWERS

Treasure Department COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Homepage.


- Q: Can PPP be used to pay 1099 contractors?
- Both: A company can pay their 1099 contractors with PPP funds, but that will not be considered part of the payroll costs that can be forgiven. Contractors can apply for PPP independently.
Other Notes:

Linda Shaw, NMFS in Alaska shared a provision from the CARE Act which speaks to aid to the fishing sector.

'Specifically, tribes, fishermen, fishing communities, aquaculture businesses, and other fishery-related businesses are eligible for assistance if they have incurred as a direct or indirect result of the COVID-19 pandemic any economic revenue losses greater than 35 percent as compared to the prior five-year average; or any negative impacts to subsistence, cultural or ceremonial fisheries, according to the senator’s office. '


Webinar from Saving Seafood's government relations on the federal relief package. About the 26 minute mark seems more specifically relevant.


Also in addition to the Paycheck Protection Program, there is an Employee Retention Credit Program. Applicants might want to consider both options as benefits seem to vary based on qualifying information and one might prove more beneficial than the other depending on the situation.


Webinar Recordings on Funding:
US Farm Credit East
https://www.farmcrediteast.com/knowledge-exchange/Webinars
US Department of Labor:
https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic
UMass-Amherst SBA Training:
https://www.msbdc.org/training/

Physical Distance, but Social Support Networks
Networks to pay attention to for summaries of the most up to date information:
Local Catch (commercial fisheries)
Consumers (Information to give to your buyers)

Seafood Safety FAQs
National Fisheries Institute
https://seafoodsafetycovid19.wordpress.com/
Food and Drug Administration
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association

Fresh vs Frozen
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ec1R0_LHhGE
https://www.seafoodnutrition.org/?s=frozen

Search for local farms
https://www.localfoodanywhere.com/
https://louisianadirectseafood.com/

Preparing and Eating Seafood
https://www.eatingwiththeecosystem.org/local-seafood-resources
https://freshwaterfeasts.com/

Producers

Business Management
Tips for Managing Risk and Uncertainty in your fishing Business - Alaska Sea Grant
https://seagrant.uaf.edu/bookstore/pubs/MAB-76.html
Fish Biz Project: General Management Tools - Alaska Sea Grant
http://fishbiz.seagrant.uaf.edu/
Planning seafood Cold Storage
Changing your marketing plan in response to COVID-19

Direct Marketing
https://www.cawconsult.com/direct-marketing-for-commercial-fishermen/

Pickup and Delivery Tool/App
https://www.fisherdirect.co/

Alternative Marketing
http://marketyourcatch.msi.ucsb.edu/

Choosing an online selling platform comparison chart

Choosing an online selling platform webinar - Oregon Tilth
https://vimeo.com/399934146?fbclid=IwAR2LdQ5C8cgWYWcus8_i_W8n2npWVkaZx1kCNMuhOvApypGyY7cPCUW-WUw

Farm to Institution Networks
Farm to Institution New England (FINE: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
Needs and surplus matchmaking tool
https://www.farmtoinstitution.org/

Forager
Source your local food
https://goforager.com/

Tribes

Resource Guides
Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission COVID-19 Resource Guide

Other

Local Food Economy Impact Tools
https://localfoodeconomics.com/#farm