



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

**Division of Marine Fisheries Management
Attn: Hurricane Relief – Dan Ellinor
1875 Orange Ave. East
Tallahassee, FL 32311**

Rebuilding Florida Fisheries Program

Certification and Acknowledgment

I, _____, understand that the Rebuilding Florida Fisheries Program is designed to provide fishery disaster relief funding from the Florida Disaster Fund and the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida to support commercial fisheries, commercial fishery wholesalers, bait and tackle businesses, for-hire charters, and aquaculture farmers impacted by the 2024 Florida hurricane season.

I swear or affirm that funding received through this program will go towards repair and/or replacement of damaged or lost fishery-related items and equipment, or towards the reimbursement for damaged or lost fishery-related items and equipment already repaired and/or replaced. I stipulate that these damaged and/or lost fishery-related items and equipment were uninsured. I understand that funds are limited, and I may not be compensated fully for my requested amount. Furthermore, I understand that, after submitting my application, additional information may be requested by the FWC to determine my eligibility, including a physical site visit of the commercial property by FWC staff.

Requested Amount

Applicable FWC/FDACS License Number (Bait and Tackle business – provide FEIN)

Name (Print)

Signature

Title

Date



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Rebuilding Florida Fisheries Application

The Rebuilding Florida Fisheries Program was established to provide financial assistance from the Florida Disaster Fund and the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida to support fishery participants impacted by the 2024 Florida hurricane season. This application serves to provide direct payments to support immediate needs to reopen fishery operations. Requests to repair or replace fishery-related items and equipment, as well as reimbursement for repairs and replacements already performed, are eligible through this program. Eligible fishery-related components include, but are not limited to, docks, boat slips, brick and mortar infrastructure, ice machines and other related equipment, vessels, gear, lost/spoiled product, and seed/spat.

To potentially be eligible for financial assistance through this program, you must:

- Be a commercial fisher, commercial fishery wholesaler, bait and tackle business, for-hire charter, or aquaculture farmer, verified throughout the applicable state licensing entity.
- Operate your fishery business within **Charlotte, Citrus, Dixie, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, or Taylor County.**
- Been impacted by the 2024 Florida hurricane season.

To potentially receive compensation, you must:

1. Fill in the information below, the Certification and Acknowledgment Form, and the Loss and Damages Form.
2. Sign and date this application and return it to the **Division of Marine Fisheries Management, Attn: Hurricane Relief - Dan Ellinor, 1875 Orange Ave East, Tallahassee, Fl. 32311**, by mail or email to HurricaneRelief@MyFWC.com, by **November 30, 2024**. By signing this application, you are attesting that: 1) the information below is correct, 2) the requested relief pertains to uninsured loss or damage, 3) the requested amount is sufficient to reopen and operate your fishery business, 4) you agree to provide more information if requested by FWC, and 5) you agree to allow FWC to conduct a site visit if requested (if applicable).

Applications postmarked after the **November 30th, 2024, deadline will not be accepted.**

Fishery Business (circle one): **Commercial Fisher** **Commercial Fishery Wholesaler** **Bait and Tackle Business**
For-hire Charter **Aquaculture Farmer**

Applicable FWC/FDACS License Number (Bait and Tackle Business – provide FEIN): _____

Business Location: _____

Date Business Started at This Location: _____
Month/Year

Requested Amount: \$ _____

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read and understand the contents of this application letter and that the facts are true. By signing below, I swear or affirm that the information that is shown on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I swear or affirm that these losses have not and will not be eligible for reimbursement under any insurance plan, or other federal assistance, except for any loans.

Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides that whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Attempts to obtain federal grant money by attesting to false information may result in additional charges due to violation(s) of state and/or federal laws.

When this application letter is received by a state agency, the information contained therein becomes public record subject to inspection under the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Signature

Date

Item	Repair/Reimburse Cost (\$)	Description

Total Request Amount: \$ _____

Please provide a short summary of the reasoning behind why you are applying and how this funding would assist your fishery operations.