



Relief for Fishermen and Local Businesses

Many residents in the Aleutians East Borough are struggling financially due to a confluence of events, including impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this notice is to highlight two of the programs that are available to help local fishing and other businesses confronting the current challenges.

CARES Act Relief Funding for Alaska Fishery Participants

This program includes \$50 million to be distributed through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission based on a plan developed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Details of the program are still being finalized. Current information on the program can be found in this



[ADFG guidance memo](#) updated 6/24/2020. KSDP, Sand Point Radio General Manager Austin Roof will interview ADFG Deputy Commissioner Rachel Baker on details of the program, next **Tuesday August 4th at 11AM**, to be archived at [apradio.org](#). Commercial fishermen, processors, and other fishery-related businesses affected by COVID-19 are eligible for program assistance if they have incurred a 35% revenue loss compared to their past 5-year average.



Paycheck Protection Program

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), a federal loan program for payroll and other expenses during COVID-19, was modified on June 25th to allow fishermen to take advantage of the program. The PPP application period was subsequently extended the until August 8th, 2020. KSDP will interview John Veal Acting District Director of the Small Business Administration (SBA) on **Tuesday August 4th at 2PM** to answer

questions about the PPP. Applications for the program must be made through a bank, however some local fishermen and businesses have had difficulty finding a bank that would accept applications. The loans may be forgiven assuming the funds are used as required for payroll costs, rent, and utilities. If you are a vessel owner who has already submitted a PPP loan application, you may be able to amend your loan amount if your lender has not already submitted SBA Form 1502. Information on the PPP from the SBA can be found [here](#) or at www.sba.gov, and here's a link to the [PPP application form](#).



Please submit any questions you have on either the CARES Act Relief for Alaska Fishery Participants or the Paycheck Protection Program *as soon as possible* to Austin Roof, KSDP General Manager at gm@apradio.org, for potential use in the KSDP radio interviews on Tuesday.

There are multiple grant and loan opportunities that are becoming available at the state, federal and local level. Below are several resources providing information on such programs:

- [United Fishermen of Alaska](#)
- [Fishing Communities Coalition](#)
- [Seafood Harvesters of America](#)
- [Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference](#)

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