



# The Shrimp e-Advocate

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## Top CDSOA Claims

In 2007, there was \$41.7 million distributed to the U.S. shrimp industry under the Continuing Dumping and Subsidies Offset Act (CDSOA or Byrd Amendment). This amount is only 39% of what was available last year. The reason there is less money this year is because Louisiana Shrimp Association acted to prevent the Southern Shrimp Alliance from reaching agreements with foreign companies that would have made funds available for distribution without the need for administrative review. Falsely accusing the Southern Shrimp Alliance of acting against the interests of the shrimp industry, the Louisiana Shrimp Association made virtually all antidumping duty deposits collected subject to administrative reviews -- proceedings which the Louisiana Shrimp Association abandoned, leaving the Southern Shrimp Alliance to prevent the refund of duty deposits to U.S. importers. Because of the Louisiana Shrimp Association's actions, most duties are tied up in litigation and will likely not be made available for distribution, if at all, until 2009.

However, there are two other reasons that checks from the government were so small in 2007: claims from parties not on the U.S. ITC's list massively increased and certain claims from those on the U.S. ITC's also increased significantly. Last year, companies that were not listed on the U.S. ITC's list of "affected domestic producers" submitted total claims of around \$55 million. U.S. Customs and Border Protection incorrectly decided to withhold funds for these applicants and this encouraged even more claims in the future. This year, parties not on the "affected domestic producer" list claimed over \$340 million and Customs withheld nearly \$5 million in distributions to the industry as a result. While those responsible for the \$340 million in claims are not known because Customs has refused to make the information public, they are not simply shrimp boat operators who failed to submit support letters to the ITC. Much of these claims are likely attributable to companies that have little to do with the domestic production of shrimp, including shrimp importers.

In addition, several U.S. shrimp companies that are "affected domestic producers" submitted claims for a significantly larger amount of qualifying expenditures. For example, the Vietnamese-American Commercial Fishermen's Union claimed \$269 million, which is more than 10% of the total claims of "affected domestic producers." Several recipients increased their claims by over 1,000%. For example, D Ditcharo Jr. Seafoods LLC increased their claim of qualified expenditures by 6,454.45% from \$220,000 in 2006 to \$14.4 million in 2007. The 49 applicants that claimed more than \$10 million in 2007 received nearly 70% of all funds distributed to "affected domestic producers." The names of these recipients are provided below (certain companies that are related to one another are listed jointly).

At the same time, certain recipients that had filed large claims last year were not awarded distributions this year. Four notable recipients that are reported as not having received funds this year are also listed below.

**Summary of Changes In Claims of Over \$10 Million (Ecuador)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>2006 Claim</b>	<b>2007 Claim</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% of Total Claims</b>
<b>VACFU</b>	\$110,046,282.88	\$268,959,603.10	144.41%	\$158,913,320.22	10.47%
<b>Lafitte Frozen Foods Corp.</b>	\$77,708,472.98	\$113,366,945.00	45.89%	\$35,658,472.02	4.41%
<b>Bama Sea Products</b>	\$50,045,246.00	\$105,917,718.10	111.64%	\$55,872,472.10	4.12%
<b>Bayou Shrimp Processors Inc.</b>	\$30,546,249.82	\$83,618,969.87	173.75%	\$53,072,720.05	3.26%
<b>Gulf Crown Seafood Co. Inc.</b>	\$46,689,755.00	\$81,851,536.81	75.31%	\$35,161,781.81	3.19%
<b>Paul Piazza and Son Inc.</b>	\$37,870,774.00	\$74,001,859.13	95.41%	\$36,131,085.13	2.88%
<b>JBS Packing Co. Inc.</b>	\$41,001,431.00	\$69,675,682.79	69.93%	\$28,674,251.79	2.71%
<b>Carson &amp; Co. Inc.</b>	\$48,919,922.63	\$58,490,963.92	19.56%	\$9,571,041.29	2.28%
<b>CF Gollott &amp; Son Seafood</b>	\$37,896,814.51	\$57,036,155.94	50.50%	\$19,139,341.43	2.22%
<b>Golden Gulf/Gollott's Oil Dock</b>	\$31,596,784.29	\$44,957,944.56	42.29%	\$13,361,160.27	1.75%
<b>Sea Pearl Seafood Co. Inc.</b>	\$23,649,041.29	\$42,326,382.05	78.98%	\$18,677,340.76	1.65%
<b>Gulf Island Shrimp and Seafood II</b>	\$23,338,322.21	\$37,980,820.60	62.74%	\$14,642,498.39	1.48%
<b>Fishermans Reef Shrimp Company</b>	\$22,544,416.78	\$36,043,983.15	59.88%	\$13,499,566.37	1.40%
<b>Best Sea Pack of Texas Inc.</b>	\$19,185,194.00	\$35,074,107.93	82.82%	\$15,888,913.93	1.37%
<b>Hi Seas of Dulac Inc.</b>	\$21,051,524.11	\$34,808,452.95	65.35%	\$13,756,928.84	1.36%
<b>Seabrook Seafood Inc.</b>	\$5,567,635.00	\$33,027,708.31	493.21%	\$27,460,073.31	1.29%
<b>Gulf King Services</b>	\$20,821,313.00	\$32,106,329.81	54.20%	\$11,285,016.81	1.25%
<b>R A Lesso Brokerage Inc.</b>	\$19,634,700.00	\$32,036,760.00	63.16%	\$12,402,060.00	1.25%
<b>Western Seafood Co. Inc.</b>	\$1,438,190.10	\$31,356,291.72	2080.26%	\$29,918,101.62	1.22%
<b>Louisiana Shrimp and Packing Inc.</b>	\$16,070,878.02	\$31,013,253.91	92.98%	\$14,942,375.89	1.21%
<b>Bowers Shrimp</b>	\$18,300,094.83	\$29,682,559.91	62.20%	\$11,382,465.08	1.16%
<b>Custom Pack Inc.</b>	\$15,965,419.00	\$28,741,560.46	80.02%	\$12,776,141.46	1.12%
<b>Wood Fisheries Inc.</b>	\$0.00	\$27,975,739.54	NA	\$27,975,739.54	1.09%
<b>International Oceanic Ent.</b>	\$16,719,230.60	\$26,750,001.78	60.00%	\$10,030,771.18	1.04%
<b>Ocean Harvest Wholesale Inc.</b>	\$9,498,872.50	\$24,467,387.28	157.58%	\$14,968,514.78	0.95%
<b>Crystal Seafood Company</b>	\$5,900,000.00	\$21,571,398.25	265.62%	\$15,671,398.25	0.84%
<b>Mark D. Mavar</b>	\$10,229,958.21	\$21,276,115.66	107.98%	\$11,046,157.45	0.83%
<b>Gulf South Inc.</b>	\$10,903,466.93	\$21,156,127.99	94.03%	\$10,252,661.06	0.82%
<b>Venice Seafood LLC</b>	\$0.00	\$19,392,323.00	NA	\$19,392,323.00	0.75%
<b>Dominicks Seafood Inc.</b>	\$10,865,876.16	\$16,935,257.11	55.86%	\$6,069,380.95	0.66%
<b>Duong Tran</b>	\$0.00	\$16,628,642.00	NA	\$16,628,642.00	0.65%
<b>Texas Pack Inc.</b>	\$3,030,565.43	\$14,973,729.30	<b>394.09%</b>	\$11,943,163.87	0.58%
<b>T Cvitanovich Seafood LLC</b>	\$9,689,108.00	\$14,442,371.11	49.06%	\$4,753,263.11	0.56%
<b>D Ditcharo Jr. Seafoods LLC</b>	\$220,000.00	\$14,419,797.42	6454.45%	\$14,199,797.42	0.56%
<b>Pearl Inc.</b>	\$7,239,477.13	\$14,382,703.42	98.67%	\$7,143,226.29	0.56%
<b>Ocean Springs Seafood Market Inc.</b>	\$8,544,483.00	\$14,130,952.19	65.38%	\$5,586,469.19	0.55%
<b>Tommy's Seafood Inc.</b>	\$7,024,587.00	\$13,891,160.94	97.75%	\$6,866,573.94	0.54%
<b>Walter M. Smith</b>	\$7,635,466.00	\$13,569,303.94	77.71%	\$5,933,837.94	0.53%
<b>Wayne Estay Shrimp Co.</b>	\$1,743,742.79	\$13,567,291.72	678.06%	\$11,823,548.93	0.53%
<b>Vinh Q. Tran</b>	\$0.00	\$12,899,126.00	NA	\$12,899,126.00	0.50%
<b>Gollott Brothers Seafood Co. Inc.</b>	\$5,969,240.77	\$12,784,016.38	114.16%	\$6,814,775.61	0.50%
<b>Gulf Fish Inc.</b>	\$2,574,096.00	\$11,828,678.21	359.53%	\$9,254,582.21	0.46%
<b>Bon Secour Fisheries Inc.</b>	\$932,894.00	\$11,730,010.87	1157.38%	\$10,797,116.87	0.46%
<b>St. Vincent Seafood</b>	\$0.00	\$11,345,063.00	NA	\$11,345,063.00	0.44%
<b>RCP Seafood Inc.</b>	\$5,958,734.00	\$10,983,096.00	84.32%	\$5,024,362.00	0.43%
<b>Louisiana Newpack Shrimp Co. Inc.</b>	\$5,310,530.00	\$10,837,760.87	104.08%	\$5,527,230.87	0.42%
<b>Pascagoula Ice and Freezer Co. Inc.</b>	\$6,592,664.42	\$10,795,497.49	63.75%	\$4,202,833.07	0.42%
<b>Ocean Select Seafood LLC</b>	\$5,215,690.06	\$10,026,406.04	92.24%	\$4,810,715.98	0.39%
<b>Trico Shrimp Company Inc.</b>	\$13,019,428.21	\$7,191,047.42	-44.77%	-\$5,828,380.79	0.28%
<b>Deep Sea Foods Inc.</b>	\$71,937,003.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	-\$71,937,003.00	0.00%
<b>Dean Blanchard Seafood Inc.</b>	\$15,813,908.22	\$0.00	-100.00%	-\$15,813,908.22	0.00%
<b>Victor Tran</b>	\$13,950,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	-\$13,950,000.00	0.00%
<b>Michael Franks</b>	\$5,219,854.61	\$0.00	-100.00%	-\$5,219,854.61	0.00%
<b>Total Claims of Over \$10 Million</b>	<b>\$981,627,338.49</b>	<b>\$1,782,026,594.95</b>	<b>81.54%</b>	<b>\$800,399,256.46</b>	<b>69.37%</b>
<b>Total Claimed Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,568,806,367.81</b>				