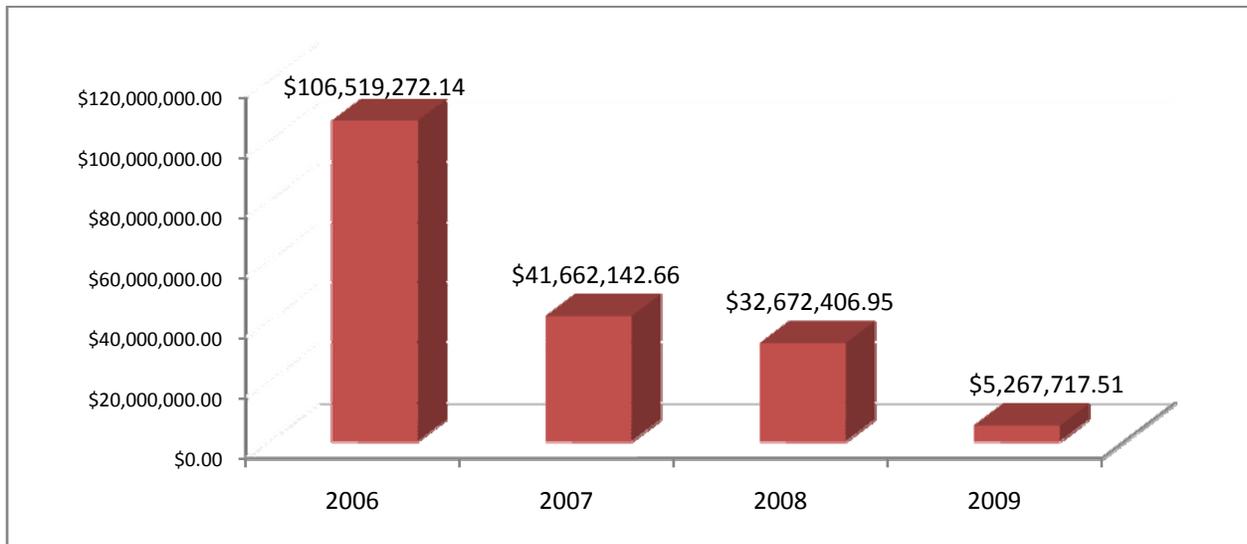


Breaking News

2009 CDSOA Distributions of \$5.3 Million to Domestic Shrimp Industry

On November 20, 2009, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“Customs”) sent letters to parties in the shrimp industry providing information regarding the amount of money to be disbursed under the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act (“CDSOA”) this year. Customs has reported that a total of \$5.3 million will be available for distribution. This amount, coupled with CDSOA funds made available in 2006, 2007 and 2008, brings the total amount made available to the shrimp industry for distribution to \$186.1 million.

The \$5.3 million in CDSOA funds available for distribution this year is significantly less than what has been available for distribution in previous years. Available funds this year are 16% of what was available for distribution last year and less than 5% what was available for distribution in 2006.



At the same time, the proportion of these funds received by industry members has continued to decline. An analysis of the statements sent out by Customs indicates that the share of funds received by a party that filed a claim consistent with that party’s claim last year declined by approximately three to four percent. The decline in shares for those filing consistent claims may be due to (1) increased claims from other parties that previously received CDSOA allocations or (2) new claims filed by parties that had not previously sought CDSOA disbursements.

The decline in the shares received by members of the domestic industry is an unfortunate reminder of the massive flaws that have characterized CDSOA distributions over the last four years. To date, although thousands of parties within the shrimp industry have applied for and received CDSOA funds, a mere sixty-five have received three-quarters of all the funds distributed. Twenty-four parties have, collectively, received \$100 million of the amount available. The Southern Shrimp Alliance remains committed to equitable distributions of CDSOA funds and continues to pursue all options available to achieve that objective.