



The Shrimp e-Advocate

The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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Four Petitions by Southern Shrimp Alliance Approved Achieving Group pre-Certification for Shrimpers in 16 Parishes in Louisiana, 21 Counties in Florida, and 2 Counties in South Carolina

Deadline for Application for Individual Trade Adjustment Assistance Benefits Is Thursday, September 23, 2010

Today, the Foreign Agricultural Service made a determination regarding the Southern Shrimp Alliance's request to pre-certify groups of shrimpers in 21 Florida counties, 16 Louisiana parishes, and 2 South Carolina counties. This determination means that all shrimp fishermen located in these areas are eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits so long as they can provide evidence that they landed shrimp in 2008 and in 2005 or 2006 or 2007.

Over the last several weeks, the Southern Shrimp Alliance has worked with Sea Grant officials, academics, state government officials, and NOAA Fisheries to obtain pricing data for shrimp throughout the eight states that would establish eligibility for groups of fishermen. All available data was analyzed using a variety of approaches and regions including the Gulf and South Atlantic region as a whole, the Gulf of Mexico region, South Atlantic region, by state, by county and by parish. Based on the data received, the Southern Shrimp Alliance found areas where price data met the group eligibility criteria. SSA presented those data to the Foreign Agricultural Service who subsequently granted pre-certification for groups of fishermen in sixteen parishes in Louisiana, twenty-one counties in Florida, and two counties in South Carolina as follows:

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