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## Virginia's 2021 Fisheries Disaster Relief Program Application Period starts August 23, 2021

Virginia's spending plan for the 2021 Fisheries Disaster relief program is approved. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has officially reviewed and approved Virginia's spend plan to distribute fisheries disaster relief funding related to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The VMRC is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2021 Fisheries Disaster Relief Program will open Monday August 23, 2021 and will run through Thursday, September 30, 2021. The VMRC will contact individuals who participate in the Virginia seafood industry and may be eligible based on licensing and reported activity.

Individuals are strongly encouraged to apply online. Information and further developments related to the 2021 Fisheries Disaster Relief program is available at the agency website (https://mrc.virginia.gov/Notices/2021/VMRC-COVID-19-DISASTER-RELIEF.shtm).

For additional questions about the Disaster Relief Program, call 757-247-200 (option 5), or email <u>covid19relief@mrc.virginia.gov</u>.