

# Oregon CARES Act 2.0

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## Recap Oregon CARES Act 1.0

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- Completed distributions to qualifying applicants in January 2021
- Period covered February-June of 2020
- Total claimed losses \$48.5 M
- Distributed funds \$18.2 M – 38% of submitted losses
- 410 applications received, 74% received payments
- Over 90% of applications had errors or omissions requiring extensive follow up

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## Ups:

- Distributions completed relatively quickly compared to other states
- Focused on proportional revenue
- Maximum claim helped spread funds

## Downs:

- **Significant** problems with application errors (>90%)
- Distributions took longer
- Gaps for Oregon residents participating in out-of-state fisheries

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- Congress appropriated \$255 M in March 2021
- Oregon allocation is about \$13 M
- Losses >35% relative to prior 5-year average; must be due to COVID
- Can't be made "more than whole", including other COVID-related federal \$
- Applicants residing in a state with a CARES allocation must apply in that state, and only that state
- Marine and anadromous only

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Eligible businesses same as Round 1:

- Commercial fishing businesses (including shellfishing)
- Charter/for-hire fishing businesses
- Qualified aquaculture operations
- Processors, and other fishery-related businesses
- Must be associated with marine and coastal or anadromous fisheries
- Does not include businesses farther down the supply chain

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# Process

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- Create spend plan (ODFW) – in progress, this meeting
- NOAA reviews and approves spend plan
- PSMFC finalizes and opens applications
- Application period (round one was 30 days)
- PSMFC reviews applications (round 1 – one week for dispute/corrections)
- Summary of losses, claim adjustments, proportional payments calculated
- Funds dispersed

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## Proposed Revisions for 2.0

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- Proposed timeframe for eligible losses July 1-December 31, 2020.
  - (at least 28 continuous days within the period)
- Address Oregon residents who participate in out-of-state fisheries
  - More clearly identify residency, consistency with WA/CA/AK plans
- Try to provide more time for applicants –balance against timeliness of payments
- PSMFC - electronic applications and simplified application process.
- Clarify federal “more than whole” requirements for COVID-aid

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# Feedback and Questions

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- What worked well in 1.0?
- What didn't work so well?
- Suggested improvements?
- Questions?