

Commercial Fishing Loan Fund

Loan Program Goal and Objectives

To provide long-term, low interest loans to promote the development of predominantly resident fisheries, and continued maintenance of commercial fishing vessels and gear for the purpose of improving the quality of Alaska seafood products.

Provides Loans For:

- Section A—up to \$300,000 for the purchase of Entry Permits or for existing Vessel or Gear upgrades for improving seafood quality.
- Section B—up to \$100,000 for the purchase of Entry Permits, Vessel and Gear Upgrades, Vessel and Gear purchases, and Vessel Construction—with differing eligibility criteria, the most significant being that the applicant must not be able to obtain financing from a bank.
- Section C—the purchase of Quota Shares—with eligibility requirements similar to Section B applicants.
- Section D—to satisfy past due federal Tax Obligations.
- Section E—for the purchase of Quota Shares by a Community Quota Entity (CQE).
- Section F—for existing Tender Vessel and Gear upgrades

General Requirements

- Alaska resident for the past 2 years.
- Child support payments must not be past due.

Definition of Resident

- Living in Alaska with the intent to remain indefinitely
- Primary and permanent home in Alaska
- Present in Alaska except for brief intervals (generally less than 90 days) except for military service, education or good cause.

Program Requirements

- Purchases - Loans are available for limited entry permits, quota shares, vessels, or gear purchased less than 12 months prior to the date your application is received.
- Refinancing - Vessels or gear loans made by other lenders more than one year prior to receipt of your application are eligible for financing.
- Collateral - The item being financed (limited entry permit, vessel, etc.) will be the collateral for the loan and, and generally, a priority lien must be obtained.

Terms and Conditions

- Interest rate is 2% above the prime rate, not to exceed 10.5%.
- Interest rate for Product Quality Improvement loans is 2% **below** the prime rate, not to exceed 10.5%
- Interest rate will be fixed at the time of loan approval.
- Maximum loan term is 15 years.
- Borrower is responsible to pay all direct costs incurred in processing an application including surveys, inspections, appraisals, title insurance, etc.