

review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

This notice is in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and §§ 351.213(d) and 351.309(b) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: May 20, 2003.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### NOAA's New Strategic Plan

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the premier United States agency for environmental assessment, prediction and management providing broad benefits to the national economy, public safety and environment. NOAA has recently completed a new strategic plan for the agency responding to growing national needs for environmental information and management. NOAA's new Strategic Plan is now the blueprint for the direction of NOAA's core and future missions and is being institutionalized in every aspect of NOAA's resource planning and priority setting. An important step in this process is aligning all organizational components within NOAA to the Strategic Plan. To that end, NOAA Line organizations have now drafted new strategic plans together with new performance measures and performance metrics.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted through June 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Ms. Kelley Smith, NOAA Strategic Planning, Program Planning and Integration Office, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Room 15755, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kelley Smith, phone: 301-713- 1622, ext. 197, fax: 301-713-0585.

Status: NOAA encourages all stakeholders and users to review the

NOAA Line Organization's draft Strategic Plans. All comments must be submitted by individuals or individual organizations. Group consensus comments will not be accepted. The drafts of the NOAA Line Organization's Strategic Plans and directions for submitting comments have been posted at <http://www.osp.noaa.gov/>.

Comments, questions and suggestions are welcomed from both scientific and stakeholder communities. Comments on these draft Strategic Plans can be submitted up to June 20, 2003, by using the web site or by submitting directly to the following e-mail address: [strategic.planning@noaa.gov](mailto:strategic.planning@noaa.gov).

Matters To Be Considered: All comments received will be reviewed and considered in the final drafting of NOAA's new Line Organization's Strategic Plans.

Dated: May 20, 2003.

**Joyce Wood,**

*Director, NOAA Strategic Planning Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Financial Assistance for Fisheries Disasters

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for applications.

**SUMMARY:** This Fisheries Disasters program provides financial assistance for assistance to the shrimp industries in the Gulf and South Atlantic. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 11.452, titled Unallied Industry Projects.

**DATES:** Your application must be received by close of business (5 p.m. eastern standard time on June 27, 2003. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding. The earliest start date of awards is approximately 45 days after the date of publication of this notice. Applicants should consider this processing time in developing requested start dates for their applications.

**ADDRESSES:** You can obtain an application package from, National Marine Fisheries Service, State/Federal

Liaison Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Send completed applications to this same address. You may also obtain forms from: <http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/grants/grants.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellie Francisco Roche, Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office at 727-570-5324 or at [Ellie.Roche@noaa.gov](mailto:Ellie.Roche@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Authority

We are soliciting applications for Federal assistance pursuant to Division N, Title V, Section 501 (Fisheries Disasters), of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 P.L.108-7.

##### II. Program Description and Purpose

Economic assistance, as described below, is being provided to the South Atlantic shrimp fishery and the Gulf shrimp fishery. \$17,500,000 shall be made available for assistance to the shrimp industries in the states of South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, and Florida, in proportion to the percentage of the shrimp catch landed by each state, for economic assistance to the South Atlantic shrimp fishery. The State of Florida shall receive only that proportion associated with landings of the Florida east coast fishery.

In addition, \$17,500,000 shall be made available for assistance to the shrimp industries in the states of Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, and Florida, in proportion to the percentage of the shrimp catch landed by each state, for economic assistance to the Gulf shrimp fishery. The State of Florida shall receive only that proportion associated with landings of the Florida gulf coast fishery.

Two percent of funds received by each state shall be retained for distribution of additional payments to fishermen with a demonstrated record of compliance with turtle excluder and bycatch reduction device regulations. The remaining funds may be used only for: personal assistance, with priority given to food, energy needs, housing assistance, transportation fuel, and other urgent needs; assistance for small businesses including fishermen, fish processors, and related businesses serving the fishing industry; domestic product marketing and seafood promotion; state seafood testing programs; development of limited entry programs for the fishery; funding or other incentives to ensure wide-spread and proper use of turtle excluder devices and bycatch reduction devices in the fishery; and voluntary capacity