

**For:** State and County Offices

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**Salmon Recertified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in Alaska**

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**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has determined, based on a petition filed on behalf of salmon producers in the State of Alaska, that increased imports of salmon contributed importantly to a decline in prices from January 2003 through December 2003 when compared with the average price for the petition 5-year base period. Therefore, the salmon producers represented by the approved petition are eligible to receive TAA benefits.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides:

- information about FAS recertification of the petition filed by salmon producers
- instructions to begin sign-up for salmon producers represented by the FAS re-certified petition.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2005	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 General Provisions of Alaska Salmon TAA for FY 2005

#### A Announcement of Approved Petition and Recertification

A petition was filed on behalf of Alaska salmon producers by the Alaska Fisheries Association of New Bern, Alaska. The initial petition, for salmon marketed in 2002, was implemented based on a Department press release dated October 22, 2003.

On October 7, 2004, FAS announced recertification of that petition. Under this recertification, benefits are available to applicants who marketed salmon in Alaska during calendar year 2003. FAS also published a notice in the Federal Register October 8, 2004, summarizing the petition and the reasons for approving it for TAA.

#### B Application Period and Documentation Requirements

Salmon producers covered by the recertified Alaska petition may apply for benefits starting October 15, 2004, through January 13, 2005. Applications received late cannot be approved for cash benefits.

Applicants must submit a completed FSA-229 and required supporting documentation at the FSA County Office or USDA Service Center nearest their place of residence.

Acceptable production evidence **and documentation of net income** must be submitted at the time of application, but **no later than January 13, 2005**. Such evidence must verify salmon marketings in Alaska from January 2003 through December 2003 and that net income from fishing was lower in 2003 than in 2001. All other documentation required for application approval must be submitted by COB September 30, 2005.

**Note:** The requirement that documentation of net income must be submitted during the 90-calendar-day application period is a new requirement applicable to all FY-2005 TAA applications.

#### C Preliminary Payment Rate

The preliminary payment rate for Alaska salmon is \$0.031 per pound, whole-fish weight basis. This rate is based on the assumption that all TAA preliminary payment rates will not be reduced. The reduction of all FY 2005 preliminary rates will occur if needed to prevent total TAA outlays for FY 2005 from exceeding the statutory outlay limit of \$90.0 million.

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### 3 Producer and Commodity Eligibility for TAA

#### A Eligible Producers

For purposes of this notice, an eligible applicant is a salmon producer as defined according to 1-PL, subparagraph 110 A, who commercially markets salmon in Alaska and directly or indirectly, as determined by the Secretary, shares in the risk of catching and marketing salmon.

#### B Eligible Production

The quantity of salmon eligible for payment must:

- have been marketed in Alaska from January 2003 to December 2003
- be 1 of the following varieties:
  - King (Chinook)
  - Silver (Coho)
  - Pink (Humpies)
  - Chum (Dog)
  - Red (Sockeye)
- be verified by sales receipts or other marketing evidence from the buyer.

### 4 Action

#### A State and County Office Action

State and County Offices shall:

- inform potential applicants about program enrollment and eligibility requirements through:
  - over-the-counter discussion
  - newsletters
  - other methods of communication, as applicable
- accept FSA-229's

**Note:** Use revised version dated 10-04-04. The application, acceptable production evidence, and documentation of net income must all be received within the 90-calendar-day application period.

- convert all salmon weights according to 1-SP, Exhibit 7.