

**DCTF Public Comment**

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Rachelle,

I listened in to the executive meeting yesterday for the first time. I also just got done reviewing the latest domoic acid numbers that still didn't look good for the north region so I agree disaster relief is in order. As a suggestion for distributing disaster relief if and when it becomes available it seems it would be most simple most logical and most fair to disperse the monies based on the pot limit assigned to each permit holder for example a hundred dollars per pot. It would eliminate some new method of allocation based on landings since the pot limit went in effect. It would also provide assistance to those who most desperately need it which are those that have purchased boats or have been building boats most recently who would receive nothing if the monies were distributed based on recent landings.

I also reviewed the lost fishing gear legislation and for the most part find it acceptable. However I think at least 2 weeks should be given after season closes for each fishermen to clean up their and others gear before the hired boats are permitted to begin cleaning up. This would give crabbers that fished late into the season the opportunity to retrieve their own gear without fear of having to buy it back. I also think the buyback price or fine should not exceed 50 dollars. Fisherman can still build or buy used gear for 50 bucks so its just not reasonable to have to pay more than a traps worth.

These are my opinions and don't necessarily represent those of Trinidad or any other port.

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