

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS  
OF ODAWA INDIANS  
NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT  
PROCEDURE**

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**LTBB COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN COVID 19 RELIEF PROGRAM**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) recognizes the devastating affect the Covid 19 Pandemic has had on LTBB citizens and the unique challenges Tribal citizens who make a living Commercial fishing face. As such the LTBB NRC seeks to assist Commercial Fishing Captains and Helpers through this time. Fishing Captains and Helpers may apply to the LTBB NRC for a one time only financial assistance payment as a result of lost income due to the Global Covid 19 Pandemic.

1. Applications for relief will be processed on a first come first served basis. LTBB Commercial fishing Captains and Helpers applying must complete and submit a properly filled out “LTBB Commercial Fishermen Covid 19 Relief Form” in order to determine if they qualify for the onetime only relief payment. Application forms can be obtained from the LTBB Natural Resource Department and may be submitted via mail, email, fax or placement into the NRD dropbox.
2. Eligibility: Must be a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odwa Indians Citizen and have held a valid 2020 LTBB Commercial Captains or Helpers License by 3-9-2020 and/or have held a valid 2019 LTBB Commercial Captains or Helpers License and meet the following requirements.
  - a) If the LTBB Captain did not obtain a license for the 2020 season by the cutoff date above, then the Captain must be able to document a minimum of 20 lifts in the 2019 season.
  - b) If the LTBB Helper did not obtain a license for the 2020 season by the cutoff date above, then the Helper must be able to demonstrate that he/she participated in a minimum of 20 lifts in the 2019 season.
  - c) Must not currently have any outstanding or pending commercial fishing violations.
  - d) Must not currently be in default on any other Tribal or NRD financial assistance programs.

3. Relief Payments.
  - a) LTBB Commercial Captains that apply and qualify according to the eligibility criteria will be awarded a single 2020 relief payment of no more than \$750.00 (Eligible Captains may request less).
  - b) LTBB Commercial Helpers that apply and qualify according to the eligibility criteria will be awarded a single 2020 relief payment of no more than \$250.00 (Eligible Captains may request less).
4. This program shall be funded by the Treaty Rights Enhancement Budget and is subject to available funds.
5. Approval/Denial:
  - a) Upon receiving a completed application (including appropriate documentation), the NRC will review the application.
  - b) Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the NRC based upon completeness of the application, eligibility and criteria components of the program.
  - c) Upon completion of the review and evaluation process, the NRC will approve or deny the application. All applicants will be notified of the NRC's decision in writing within business 7 days.
  - d) Applications may be approved for less than the maximum amount.