

**FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT FUND**  
**Reimbursement for Safety Equipment**

**Up to \$500 in reimbursements for safety equipment**

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Company or Vessel's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

At what port does your vessel reside? \_\_\_\_\_

At what port(s) do you land your catch? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your landings are at Santa Barbara Harbor? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your annual income is based on fisheries offshore Santa Barbara County (Fishing Blocks 633-648; 650-663; 684-697; 707-717; 726-736; and 778)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many months per year do you fish offshore Santa Barbara County? \_\_\_\_\_

What areas besides offshore Santa Barbara County do you fish and how often? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check the description of your purchase(s):*

**Up to \$500 reimbursement for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ purchased new inflatable buoyant apparatus

\_\_\_\_\_ purchased new life raft

\_\_\_\_\_ purchased new EPIRB

\_\_\_\_\_ repacked life raft

**Up to \$250 reimbursement for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ purchased new buoyant apparatus

\_\_\_\_\_ replaced EPIRB batteries

**Up to \$100 reimbursement for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ purchased a new immersion suit

\_\_\_\_\_ purchased a hydro release for EPIRB

\_\_\_\_\_ purchased a pack of flares

*See backside of this application for requirements and instructions  
on how to request a reimbursement.*

***Requirements:***

- (1) The fisher made the equipment purchase after July 1, 2015.
- (2) A fisher must meet at least one of the following criteria to qualify for reimbursement:
  - (a) At least 50% of a fisher's income must be earned from commercial fishing offshore Santa Barbara County (Fishing Blocks 633 through 648; 650 through 663; 684 through 697; 707 through 717; 726 through 736; and 778); or
  - (b) At least 33% of a fisher's annual catch (based on weight) must be caught offshore Santa Barbara County (same fishing blocks listed above); or
  - (c) At least 50% of a fisher's annual catch must be landed at the Santa Barbara Harbor.
- (3) When evaluating applications for reimbursement, County staff may require certified verification based on fish tickets from the California Department of Fish and Game.
- (4) The equipment must be installed on the fisher's commercial boat only; one reimbursement per boat. A boat owner/lessee can receive up to \$500 in reimbursements.
- (5) Reimbursements are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- (6) Fisher may receive only \$500 within a 12-month period.

***The following MUST be enclosed for consideration of a reimbursement.***

- (1) Front side of this application completely filled out.
- (2) A copy of the receipt of the purchase. The store in which it was purchased and date of purchase must be on the receipt.
  - a. California law requires that Sales Tax be remitted on all qualifying purchases. When the County reimburses individuals for goods or services and determines that an omission of tax has occurred, tax will be assessed and the amount remitted to the California Board of Equalization by the County. The tax amount will be deducted from the reimbursement to the applicant.
- (3) Current Form 1040, Schedule C, Profit or Loss From Business.
- (4) Current Substitute W-9 & Vendor Information Form.
- (5) Withholding Exemption Certificate, California Form 590

***Please send this application and the accompanying information to:***

County of Santa Barbara, Energy Division  
Attention: Kathy McNeal Pfeifer  
123 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

(805) 568-2507 or 568-2000