
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: AID TO MS SHRIMPERS
DATE: MAY 8, 2003
CC: MAYO, RENICK

Attached is an executive summary from DMR regarding the \$1 million in federal funds to aid the shrimping industry in Mississippi. Walker and I agree that most of this money should go directly to the boat captains rather than the shrimp processors. Accordingly, 92% of the funds will be set aside for shrimpers with 8% for processors. Although the federal law does not permit us to designate only Mississippi shrimpers and processors for award, DMR staff has written the criteria to prevent out-of-state shrimpers from obtaining a bulk of the funds by requiring that 50% of their income be generated from Mississippi landings.

We will need to set aside time on your schedule to do "BIG CHECKS" to shrimpers in early June. Shrimpers will have to apply for the aid, so we can do 2 announcements [1) for the application process and 2) for the delivery of aid.].