

# BBEDC Vessel Acquisition Program



## APPLICATION

### REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Incomplete applications will cause a delay in the process. Please submit application with the following:

- Affidavit of Residency Form with required additional information or on file with BBEDC
- Complete copy of most recent 3 years of federal tax returns
- Relationship Disclosure Form
- Proof of 3 years of experience in the fishery via fishing income reported on Schedule C
- Proof of market by letter or email from processor

**NOTE:** Residents of the **Bristol Bay Watershed communities** are now eligible to apply for this program.

Applicants must hold a Bristol Bay Limited Entry Permit in the fishery for which they are attempting to purchase a vessel.

**New applications will be accepted and processed September 1 – April 1**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**What type of vessel are you looking for?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which do you operate?**

Set Gillnet     Drift Gillnet

**Do you have a vessel in mind?**

No     Yes

If yes, whose? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you at least 18 years of age and physically capable of actively participating in the fishery?    Yes  No

Do you currently own a Bristol Bay limited entry permit?    Yes  No

*Permit Type & Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have unresolved Child Support debts, including overdue payments or delinquencies? *If yes, please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_    Yes  No

Do you have unresolved IRS tax obligations including overdue payments or delinquencies? *If yes, please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_    Yes  No

Do you have financial or legal liabilities that could be a significant impediment to repayment of a loan or that would cause risk of loss of the vessel? *If yes, please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_    Yes  No

Do you have a market for which you can actively fish the permit? *If no, please explain how you plan to market your fish:* \_\_\_\_\_    Yes  No

Have you actively participated for at least 3 years in the Bristol Bay drift or set fishery? *Please attach proof.*    Yes  No

Have you previously been a participant in the BBEDC Vessel Acquisition Program? *If yes, please attach an explanation of how entering the program will advance your overall commercial fishing operation in the areas described in BBEDC policy (see below). If applicable, please attach a new vessel survey with your application packet.*    Yes  No

**Vessel Acquisition Program policy (section G. articles 1-4):** A resident that has participated in the VAP previously may be considered to be eligible for a second application if the following is demonstrated by the applicant:

- 1) Met all requirements of the VAP related to previous participation for at least three (3) consecutive years.
- 2) The loan associated with the previous participation has been paid in full.
- 3) The vessel purchased through previous VAP participation will be transferred to a resident to be actively fished (except in the case where the vessel can be demonstrated to be inoperable).
- 4) It is necessary to purchase another vessel in order to advance the applicant's overall commercial fishing operation. Advance is defined as
  - previous vessel purchased through the VAP is not RSW equipped and intended vessel to purchase is RSW equipped.
  - intended vessel is larger than the previous vessel purchased through the VAP and will result in the ability to increase overall harvest.
  - intended vessel will decrease operating costs as compared to previous vessel purchased through the VAP
  - previous vessel purchased through the VAP can be demonstrated to be inoperable under normal circumstances and not due to any actions of the participant.

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Applicants may not be eligible for services or benefits through the BBEDC Vessel Acquisition Program if they were a participant of the **Vessel Upgrade Program** within the preceding four years or two years if the vessel that was improved is transferred to a watershed resident to be actively used as a commercial fishing vessel. This requirement may be appealed where the applicant can demonstrate extraordinary circumstances.

Vessel can also mean a licensable truck if the applicant can demonstrate that a vehicle is the primary vessel for their individual fishing operation at the point of harvest and delivery.

## UNDERSTANDINGS

I understand that I may be required and will be assisted to obtain a current credit report. Yes  No

I understand that I may be required and will be assisted to complete a loan application as required by an appropriate lender and that obtaining a loan will be contingent upon the final decision of the lender. Yes  No

I understand that I am granting BBEDC the authorization to obtain and view confidential personal and financial information about and on behalf of myself as it relates to obtaining a loan and receiving financial and technical assistance from BBEDC. Yes  No

I understand that BBEDC and its associated partners may discuss my personal financial information but will otherwise hold it as confidential unless I grant permission. Yes  No

I understand that I will be required and assisted to develop a personal financial report for my fishing operation, and it will be reviewed with me annually to assure a high degree of sustainability. Yes  No

I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in my disqualification from this and/or other BBEDC programs. Yes  No

I understand that being in default in any BBEDC programs means I will be ineligible to participate in additional BBEDC programs or services until fully compliant. Yes  No

**APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION**

*I understand that becoming a participant of this program requires that I must reconfirm my general eligibility each participating year. The eligibility requirements will be described in the final agreement that I will sign and include maintaining residency in a BBEDC CDQ or Bristol Bay Watershed community, actively fishing with my permit each year, participating in business counseling as required, keep the loan in good standing and fulfilling training requirements each year. If I fail to meet eligibility requirements each year, I may be considered to be in default which will require that I repay BBEDC for all financial benefits/grants received and that I may be not eligible to participate in future BBEDC programs.*

**I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant Signature** **Date**

**Applications must be signed and complete when submitted to BBEDC**

**How did you learn about the program?**  Liaison  Website  BBEDC Staff  Program Directory  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Describe Other

**Please use the space below for any additional explanation that may be required for your application**

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## APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I/We hereby authorize the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) and its associated partners, Money Management International (MMI) and the Alaska Business Development Center (ABDC) to verify, discuss and share with relevant other parties, my past and present employment records, account records, stock holdings, loan application, loan process and any other information that is needed to process my application to enter the BBEDC Permit Loan Program beginning on the date of my signature below and until one (1) year beyond the term of the loan, should I obtain the same. I further authorize BBEDC, MMI and/or ABDC to order a credit report and verify other credit information, including past and present mortgage and landlord references. It is understood that a photocopy of this will also serve as authorization.

### Applicant

### Co-Applicant (if appropriate)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name as it appears on your Alaska  
Drivers License or IRS tax return

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Print Name as it appears on your Alaska  
Drivers License or IRS tax return

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## Applicant Authorization and Acknowledgement to Lender

1. I authorize the Bristol Bay Economic Development (BBEDC) to assist me in completing an application for a commercial fishing loan from an appropriate lender. *I also authorize the lender and BBEDC to discuss with each other any and all aspects of my application and/or information.*
2. I understand that the lender does not require me to use BBEDC services; I understand that the lender will accept a loan application prepared and submitted directly by me without BBEDC's assistance and that BBEDC is not a representative, employee, agent or affiliate of the lender.
3. I understand that I am personally responsible for making sure that the information contained in my application, including supporting documents submitted with the application, are true, accurate and complete.
4. I understand that any approval or disapproval of my loan application will be made solely by the lender after my loan application is completed and submitted to the lender. I understand that BBEDC does not have the right, power or authority to evaluate, approve or decline my loan application to the lender.
5. I understand that I can notify the lender in writing at any time if I decide to discontinue using BBEDC's assistance, and that the lender will work directly with me, and not BBEDC as soon as the lender receives that notice.
6. I understand that if I later notify the lender in writing that I have decided to discontinue use of BBEDC's assistance, I will still be obligated by any contracts or agreements executed with BBEDC directly as well as any fees associated with that contract.

I have read this Authorization and Acknowledgement and understand all of its terms. I have executed this form voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, Alaska

**Applicant**

**Co-Applicant** (if appropriate)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name