

Acknowledgement of Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement (GEN-6)

- 1. *Introduction.*** The Seafood Compensation Program created by the Deepwater Horizon Settlement Agreement requires claimants seeking Oyster Leaseholder Lost Income Compensation to provide “[c]ontracts or agreements between the Oyster Leaseholder and another natural person or entity that harvests oysters from their leaseholds located in Zones A, B or C, as reflected on the Oyster Leasehold Compensation Zone Map.” The Claims Administrator will allow claimants to satisfy the “[c]ontracts or agreements” requirement by submitting an Acknowledgement of Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement (GEN-6) form to memorialize a previous oral agreement.
- 2. *Claimants permitted to submit the Acknowledgement of Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement (GEN-6) Form.*** The Acknowledgement of Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement is for Oyster Leaseholder Lost Income and Combined Oyster Harvester and Leaseholder claimants who had oral oyster harvesting agreements during the Benchmark Period. Claimants may also use this form to memorialize prior written agreements where the original documents have been lost or destroyed. Claimants who memorialized their oyster harvesting agreements in writing before or during the Benchmark Period should submit the original documents if available.
- 3. *Description of the Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement (GEN-6) Form.*** The form provides space for claimants to describe details of their oyster harvesting contracts, including the parties, dates, payment totals, terms, and relevant lease number(s). Claimants may include information for 2007, 2008, and/or 2009.
- 4. *Requirements.***
 - (a) Both the harvester and the leaseholder must sign and date the Acknowledgement of Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement (GEN-6) form. The Claims Administrator will not accept the document as a substitute for an original, written agreement without both signatures. The Leaseholder claimant may provide a handwritten or electronic signature. The harvester must provide a handwritten signature.
 - (b) If the leaseholder claimant had oral agreements with multiple harvesters, the claimant must submit a separate Acknowledgement of Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement (GEN-6) form to memorialize each agreement in writing.
- 5. *Submission Instructions.*** Claimants and their counsel may access a fillable PDF version of the Acknowledgement of Oral Oyster Harvesting Agreement (GEN-6) form by clicking the following link: http://www.deepwaterhorizoneconomicsettlement.com/docs/Fillable_GEN-6.pdf. Claimants may submit the form retroactively to remedy a prior Incompleteness Notice or proactively to avoid receiving an Incompleteness Notice for failure to satisfy the “[c]ontracts or agreements” requirement.



6. *Questions.* If you have any questions about the information in this Alert, email Questions@dhecc.com.