

North Coast Fishermen's Cable Committee

Grant for Marine Electronics used for fishing or catch monitoring activities

2026

The North Coast Fishermen's Cable Committee is pleased to announce an open application period for a grant for marine electronics used for fishing or catch monitoring activities.

Funding for this program comes from the Fisheries Improvement Fund that was established by an agreement between NCFCC and the Cable Companies.

This program is limited to the group of fishermen that have the greatest potential to come in contact with the fiber optic cables. Eligible fishermen are:

Federal Limited Entry trawlers that either lives in Humboldt or Del Norte counties or owns a trawler that has delivered trawl caught groundfish into Eureka, CA in the past three years

Federal Limited Entry fixed gear permit holders that live in Humboldt or Del Norte counties and delivered Sablefish into Eureka, CA.

Open Access fishermen that used fixed gear, provided they made at least six (6) deliveries of Sablefish of 1,000 pounds or more into Eureka, CA in each of the years of 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The grant will reimburse the cost of the purchase of electronic equipment used for communication, navigation, and fishing activities including monitoring, purchased after November 1, 2024. The reimbursement will be based upon proof of purchase and limited to 80% of the cost but shall not exceed \$20,000.

Additionally, the reimbursement of 100% of cost of SAT phone subscription or other services up to \$5,000.

If you meet the criteria and wish to participate you must submit an application specifying what you have purchased or propose to purchase, along with documentation that you meet the qualification criteria, by April 15, 2026. The deadline to submit receipts for subscriptions or services is December 15, 2026.

The board of directors of NCFCC retains the right to disallow the reimbursement of any purchase.

If you have any questions you may contact NCFCC at 707-496-6535 or webmaster@northcoastcable.org.

Submit your proposal to: P.O. Box 8234, Eureka, CA 95502 or email to webmaster@northcoastcable.org. Include a description of what you wish to purchase along with a statement of cost, and any necessary proof of meeting qualification criteria.