



20 April 2020
NFI COVID-19 Sitrep #25

NFI Tools for Members:

1. NFI will continue its Wednesday webinar series with a discussion of the COVID impact on wild and farmed salmon supply and markets. [Register for the discussion on Wednesday 22 April at 130](#) (eastern).

Public Health, Technical, and Government Assistance Documents Below are links to summaries of Administration decisions and developing legislation.

1. Acting DHS Secretary Wolf noted “... the US, Mexico, and Canada have each agreed to [extend restrictions on non-essential travel across their shared borders for 30 additional days](#). NFI members are asked to inform NFI if they experience COVID-related delays in transporting seafood across the Mexican or Canadian borders.
2. CDC [has updated the symptoms of COVID-19](#). If you are doing daily health screenings of employees, make sure that there are questions related to each of the symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. Also on the same webpage is a “self checker” that can be used for health evaluation.
3. The Food and Beverage Issues Alliance [has created a webpage](#) that includes valuable COVID-19 resources for industry.
4. USDA FSIS will hold a call for their regulated industry to hear updates and have questions and concerns addressed regarding COVID-19. The call is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 1:00pm ET. Contact [Lisa Weddig](#) for the call-in information.

Media and Other Reports: Below are links to any major news stories about seafood and COVID.

1. With an action that may help your employees, the Federal Communications Commission has established the [Keep Americans Connected pledge](#). Over 700 internet service providers, wireless telephone carriers, and associated companies have committed to: Not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus

pandemic; waive any late fees; and open wi-fi hotspots to any American who needs them.

2. As the world begins talks of reopening, a [new Datassential report](#) outlines consumer attitudes. “Consumers will progress through their own comfort phases to move back toward life pre-COVID.” For restaurant operators, “tactics that go beyond sanitation and social distancing will also help rebuild trust and may even speed up the ‘comfort timeline.’”

Developing Administration and State Actions and Legislation Below are links to summaries or analysis of Administration decisions and developing or passed legislation.

1. The Administration issued an [Executive Order](#) to allow deferment of certain duties, taxes and fees. A [Temporary Final Rule](#) provides details on how to qualify for the deferment program, which began 20 April. Some details include: formal entries made in March or April 2020; does not to entries subject to a trade remedy action (AD/CVD, 301, 201, 232); must show; significant financial hardship (60% loss in gross revenue 2019 to 2020 periods due to government action related to COVID)

Federal and State Government Reports Below are links to various daily updates from WHO, the White House, and other sources:

1. Department of Homeland Security Daily [Critical Infrastructure Situation Report 20 April 2020](#)
2. Miller Strategies, an NFI consultant, provides a daily summary of White House, Congressional, and political updates. Linked are the [18 April](#), [19 April](#) and [20 April reports](#).

Other Governments Actions Below are links to nations’ actions:

1. None noted.

Previously Reported Government or Industry Actions NFI will store all previous links in the [NFI COVID Resource Center](#).

[NFI offers an antitrust reminder](#) not because of specific seafood industry actions that raise antitrust concerns, but instead simply to highlight DOJ’s emphasis on this area of enforcement, and as a reminder that these laws apply during a difficult time for all member companies.

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