



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

October 24, 2022

The Honorable Joseph L. James
Chairman
Yurok Tribe
190 Klamath Boulevard
Klamath, CA 95548

Dear Chairman James:

Thank you for your October 2020 letter requesting a determination of a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster for the Yurok Tribe's 2019 Klamath River fall Chinook salmon fishery.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) evaluated information from the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the tribe to assess your request. After reviewing the information, I have found that the request for a commercial fishery failure determination for the fishery meets the requirements under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

This determination now makes the fishery eligible for fishery disaster assistance. Using Congressionally appropriated funds, I have allocated \$854,496 to address the impacts of this fishery disaster event on the tribe. NMFS will be following up with you and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to assist in the development of your spend plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact Susie Feliz, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at 202-482-3663 or SFeliz@doc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo