



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

October 4, 2023

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor
State of Alaska
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery resource disaster determination pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) for the 2022 Kuskokwim River Chinook, chum, and coho salmon fisheries. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your request and to inform you that the Fishery Resource Disasters Improvement Act, which was passed in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, has amended the MSA, and the Secretary is required to respond with her determination within 120 days after receipt of all the necessary data to conduct the analysis.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) conducts the evaluation needed for the Secretary's fishery disaster determinations. NMFS will work with the State of Alaska and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the MSA.

Based on our initial review of your request, we will need the following information to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the MSA. The State of Alaska has up to 1 year from the date of this acknowledgment letter to submit all necessary information. To ensure we have a complete request, please provide all of the following information to our Alaska Region point of contact, Mary Furuness, at mary.furuness@noaa.gov:

- A clear definition of the fishery(ies) and impacted sector(s) (e.g., commercial, dealer/processors) or components thereof (e.g., the for-hire component of the recreational sector).
- 12 months of finalized revenue data for the affected fishery(ies) and sector(s) or components thereof of the requested fishery resource disaster.
- Annual revenues of the affected fishery by sector for the most recent 5 years when there were no positive fishery resource disaster determinations.
- If applicable, any additional information on the negative impacts to ceremonial or subsistence fishing activities.
- If applicable, information on lost resource tax revenues for the 12 months of the disaster year and the previous 5-year average.

We look forward to working with you on this request. If you have any questions, please contact Makeda Okolo, Director of NOAA's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at makeda.okolo@noaa.gov.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet Coit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "C".

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries