



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
1315 East-West Highway
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Ms. Fawn C. Murphy
Tribal Chairperson
Resighini Rancheria Tribe
P.O. Box 529
Klamath, CA 95548

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery disaster determination pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) for the 2023 Resighini Rancheria Federal Klamath River Salmon Fishery. 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.

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 Resighini Rancheria Tribe has up to 1 year and 1 day from the date of this acknowledgement letter to submit all necessary information.

Please provide the following information to our West Coast Region Senior Policy Advisor, Frank Lockhart, at frank.lockhart@noaa.gov:

- Fishery characteristics (size and value; number of participants; environmental, economic, and sociocultural behaviors; whether jobs are full- or part-time; status of recovery from previous fishery resource disasters; and landings data).
- Length of time the fishery (or access to it) has been or will be restricted.
- Twelve months of finalized revenue data for the affected fishery(ies).
- Annual revenues of the affected fishery for the most recent 5 years when no fishery resource disaster occurred.
- Any additional information you want to provide about the cause of the fishery resource disaster (e.g., published research, stock assessments, state reports).
- Any negative impacts to ceremonial or subsistence fishing activities.

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,

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

