



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

April 26, 2022

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery disaster determination for the 2021 Kuskokwim River salmon fishery in Alaska. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your request and to request additional information. The Secretary will respond with her determination after all the necessary data have been received and our evaluation has been completed.

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 Alaska Department of Fish and Game to assess whether a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act or the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act. You can find more details about criteria for evaluating fishery disaster requests in the NMFS Fishery Disaster Policy, which can be found on our [website](#).

Based on our initial review of your request, we will need the following information as soon as possible. Please provide the following information to Mary Furuness at Mary.Furuness@noaa.gov.

- Twelve months of finalized commercial revenue data for the affected fishing year from the Kuskokwim River salmon fishery. If it is not possible to provide that data due to confidentiality concerns, we would need additional contextual information to further support a revenue loss analysis for the 2021 fishery consistent with the NMFS Fishery Disaster Policy.

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".

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

