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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

March 21, 2022

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: State of Alaska Federal Fishery Disaster Request

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

In accordance with Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and Section 308(b) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act (IFA), I am writing to request you declare a fishery disaster determination for the 2020 and 2021 Norton Sound red king crab fisheries.

This request follows your recent approval of a fishery disaster for the 2019 Norton Sound red king crab fishery. Based on available information in the attached memo, concerns about the health of the Norton Sound red king crab stock persisted after the 2019 fishery disaster. Harvesting opportunities were further restricted in 2020 and 2021 relative to 2019, resulting in even greater relative revenue losses for commercial fishery participants.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and have asked the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to provide the National Marine Fisheries Service and your office with any additional information needed to make fishery disaster determinations.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, United States Senate
The Honorable Dan Sullivan, United States Senate
Office of Congressman Don Young, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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