



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

February 19, 2025

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, AK 99811

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 2024 Chignik salmon fishery. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your request and to inform you that the Secretary is required to respond with a determination within 120 days after receipt of all the necessary data to conduct the analysis.

The National Marine Fisheries Service conducts the evaluation needed for the Secretary's fishery resource disaster determinations. We 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 a finalized revenue loss value for the 2024 season 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 requested information to our Alaska Region point of contact, Stephanie Warpinski, at stephanie.warpinski@noaa.gov.

We look forward to working with you on this request. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Denit, Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, at kelly.denit@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Emily Menashes
Acting Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

