UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Dear Chairman Colegrove:

We received your letter requesting a determination of a fishery resource disaster for the 2023 and 2024 Hoopa Valley Tribe Klamath River Fall Chinook salmon subsistence fisheries.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service evaluated information from the impacted fishery. Upon review, I have found that the request for a subsistence fishery resource disaster for the 2023 and 2024 Hoopa Valley Tribe Klamath River Fall Chinook salmon subsistence fisheries meets the requirements under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

This determination now makes the 2023 and 2024 Hoopa Valley Tribe Klamath River Fall Chinook salmon subsistence fisheries eligible for fishery resource disaster assistance. After the Secretary of Commerce makes a positive fishery disaster determination under the MSA, the requesting state or tribal government can make a written request to the Small Business Administration (SBA) certifying at least five small businesses in the disaster area have suffered substantial economic injury resulting from the positive fishery disaster determination. Under this Economic Injury declaration, SBA's Disaster Loan Assistance program is available to small businesses with financial losses directly related to the declared disaster. For more information on the SBA Loan program please visit: www.sba.gov/disaster. Programs within the Department (e.g., Economic Development Administration grants) may also be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Geofrey MacLeay, Director of Oversight in the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-1749 or GMacLeay@doc.gov.

Sincerely,

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