



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

February 1, 2022

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

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your March 2021 and September 2021 letters requesting a determination of a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster for the following fisheries:

- 2018 Upper Cook Inlet East Side Set Net and 2020 Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries;
- 2018 Copper River Chinook and sockeye salmon fisheries, 2020 Prince William Sound salmon fisheries, and 2020 Copper River Chinook, sockeye, and chum salmon fisheries;
- 2019/2020 Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab;
- 2020 Pacific cod in the Gulf of Alaska;
- 2020 Alaska Norton Sound, Yukon River, Chignik, Kuskokwim River, and Southeast Alaska Salmon Fisheries; and
- 2021 Yukon River salmon fishery.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service evaluated information for the impacted fisheries and provided a recommendation. After reviewing the information and associated recommendation, I have found that your request for a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster for the fisheries listed above meets the requirements under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and section 308(b) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act.

This positive determination now makes these fisheries eligible for fishery disaster assistance. Using funds that Congress has already appropriated for fishery disasters, the Department of Commerce will allocate disaster assistance for these fisheries in the near future.

Should you have further questions, please contact J.D. Grom, Senior Advisor for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 322-7494 or JDGrom@doc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo