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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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November 15, 2021

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

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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 a fishery disaster determination for the 2021 Chignik salmon fishery.

The unexpected and ongoing low sockeye salmon abundance has resulted in fishery closures during the peak commercial fishing periods, which restricts opportunities to harvest other salmon species and has negatively affected permit holders, fishing crew, processors, and communities in the Chignik management area. Based on available information in the attached memo, the 2021 Chignik commercial salmon fishery failure resulted from natural causes and, therefore, is an allowable cause for a fishery disaster determination.

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 further fishery disaster determinations.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Attachment

- cc: The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, United States Senate
- The Honorable Dan Sullivan, United States Senate
- The Honorable Don Young, United States House of Representatives
- The Honorable Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- Kip Knudson, Director of State/Federal Relations, Office of the Governor
- Rex Rock, Rural Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor