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March 28, 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 2021 Kuskokwim River salmon fishery.

This request follows your recent approval of a fishery disaster for the 2020 Kuskokwim River salmon fishery. Based on available information in the attached memo, harvesting opportunities were further restricted in 2021 relative to 2020, particularly for chum salmon. The salmon fisheries are critically important for the food security of community residents across the region. Ongoing Chinook salmon restrictions, combined with the more restrictive chum salmon management measures in 2021, have severely harmed the customary and traditional selling, bartering, and trading economy of the subsistence fishery. Additionally, fishery participants in the Kuskokwim River commercial salmon fishery have experienced adverse economic impacts from reduced harvests and revenue since 2016. Poor Kuskokwim River salmon runs in 2021 and 2020 are likely the result of natural causes that are similarly impacting other Bering Sea salmon systems.

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 a fishery disaster determination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, United States Senate  
The Honorable Dan Sullivan, United States Senate  
Alex Ortiz, Chief of Staff, 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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March 9, 2022

The Honorable Gina Raimondo  
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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 you declare a fishery disaster determination for the 2021 Norton Sound chum and coho salmon fisheries.

This request follows your recent approval of a fishery disaster for the 2020 Norton Sound salmon fishery. Fishery conditions in 2021 were substantially worse than 2020 in terms of levels of salmon returns and the associated loss of commercial and subsistence fishing opportunities. Catches of chum and coho salmon in 2021 were less than half of those in 2020 and among the worst on record. Low returns in the commercial and subsistence fisheries have had severe adverse economic and social impacts for residents in the Norton Sound region.

Based on available information in the attached memo, the 2021 Norton Sound chum and coho salmon commercial and subsistence salmon fishery failure resulted from natural causes and the fisheries for these species meet the criteria 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 fishery disaster determinations.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

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