



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

July 24, 2024

Mr. Everett Colegrove, Jr.  
Chairman  
Hoopa Valley Tribe  
P.O. Box 1348  
Hoopa, CA 95546

Dear Mr. Colegrove:

Thank you for your June 17, 2024, letter requesting a federal fishery resource disaster determination pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) for the 2023 and 2024 Hoopa Valley Klamath River Fall Chinook salmon fisheries. 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 her determination within 120 days after receipt of all the necessary data to conduct the analysis.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) conducts the evaluation needed for the Secretary's fishery resource disaster determinations. We will work with the Hoopa Valley Tribe to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the MSA.

Based on our initial review of your request, we need the following information to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the MSA. You have 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 following information to our West Coast Region point of contact, Courtney Hann, at [courtney.hann@noaa.gov](mailto:courtney.hann@noaa.gov):

- Any additional information you are able to provide about the cause of the fishery resource disaster (e.g., published research, stock assessments, state reports, status of recovery from previous fishery resource disasters)
- If applicable, additional information on any negative impacts on ceremonial or subsistence fishing activities

We look forward to working with you on this request. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Denit, Director of NMFS' Office of Sustainable Fisheries, at [kelly.denit@noaa.gov](mailto:kelly.denit@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

Janet Coit  
Assistant Administrator  
for Fisheries

