



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

November 21, 2024

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your November 4, 2024, letter requesting a fishery resource disaster determination pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) for the 2024 Kotzebue Sound chum salmon fishery. 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 conducts the evaluation needed for the Secretary's fishery resource disaster determinations. We will work with the State of Alaska and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the MSA.

Based on our initial review of your request, we will need a finalized revenue loss value for the 2024 season to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the MSA. The State of Alaska has up to one year from the date of this acknowledgment letter to submit all necessary information. To ensure we have a complete request, please provide all the requested information to our Alaska Region point of contact, Stephanie Warpinski, at stephanie.warpinski@noaa.gov.

We look forward to working with you on your 2024 Kotzebue Sound chum salmon fishery request. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Denit, Director of NOAA's Office of Sustainable Fisheries, at kelly.denit@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

