



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Washington, D.C. 20230

November 13, 2008

The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire
Governor of Washington
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Gregoire:

Thank you for your letter requesting a determination of a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster affecting the Fraser River Sockeye Fishery, based on Section 312 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

I am making a determination that the disaster previously determined in 2002 under Section 312(a) of the Act continues to exist for tribal and non-tribal fishermen of Washington State, and that this disaster resulted in a 2007 and 2008 commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. This disaster was, and continues to be, the result of a combination of natural and unknown factors predominantly outside the control of fisheries managers.

We will continue to coordinate with you and the tribal and non-tribal areas affected by this determination. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Nathaniel F. Wienecke, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

Carlos M. Gutierrez



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Ms. Evelyn D. Jefferson
Chairwoman
Lummi Nation
Lummi Indian Business Council
2616 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Ms. Jefferson:

I wish to inform you that I am making a determination that the disaster previously determined in 2002 under Section 312(a) of the Act continues to exist for tribal and non-tribal fishermen of Washington State, and that this disaster resulted in a 2007 and 2008 commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. This disaster was, and continues to be, the result of a combination of natural and unknown factors predominantly outside the control of fisheries managers.

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Mr. Melvin R. Sheldon, Jr.
Chairman
Tulalip Board of Directors
6700 Totem Beach Road
Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

I wish to inform you that I am making a determination that the disaster previously determined in 2002 under Section 312(a) of the Act continues to exist for tribal and non-tribal fishermen of Washington State, and that this disaster resulted in a 2007 and 2008 commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. This disaster was, and continues to be, the result of a combination of natural and unknown factors predominantly outside the control of fisheries managers.

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Ms. Frances G. Charles
Chairman
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
2851 Lower Elwha Road
Port Angeles, WA 98363

Dear Ms. Charles:

I wish to inform you that I am making a determination that the disaster previously determined in 2002 under Section 312(a) of the Act continues to exist for tribal and non-tribal fishermen of Washington State, and that this disaster resulted in a 2007 and 2008 commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. This disaster was, and continues to be, the result of a combination of natural and unknown factors predominantly outside the control of fisheries managers.

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Mr. M. Brian Cladoosby
Chairman
Swinomish Tribal Community
P.O. Box 817
950 Moorage Way
La Conner, WA 98257

Dear Mr. Cladoosby:

I wish to inform you that I am making a determination that the disaster previously determined in 2002 under Section 312(a) of the Act continues to exist for tribal and non-tribal fishermen of Washington State, and that this disaster resulted in a 2007 and 2008 commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. This disaster was, and continues to be, the result of a combination of natural and unknown factors predominantly outside the control of fisheries managers.

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Mr. Micah McCarty
Chairman
Makah Tribal Council
P.O. Box 115
Neah Bay, WA 98357

Dear Mr. McCarty:

I wish to inform you that I am making a determination that the disaster previously determined in 2002 under Section 312(a) of the Act continues to exist for tribal and non-tribal fishermen of Washington State, and that this disaster resulted in a 2007 and 2008 commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. This disaster was, and continues to be, the result of a combination of natural and unknown factors predominantly outside the control of fisheries managers.

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