



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

October 24, 2022

The Honorable Lawrence Solomon
Chairman
Lummi Nation
2665 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Chairman Solomon:

Thank you for your June 2020 letter requesting a determination of a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster for the Lummi Nation's 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019 Fraser River and Nooksack River Terminal Area salmon fisheries.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) evaluated information from the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the tribe to assess your request. After reviewing the information, I have found that the request for a commercial fishery failure determination for the fisheries meets the requirements under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

This determination now makes the fisheries eligible for fishery disaster assistance. Using Congressionally appropriated funds, I have allocated \$11,472,354 to address the impacts of this fishery disaster event on the tribe. NMFS will be following up with you and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to assist in the development of your spend plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact Susie Feliz, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663 or SFeliz@doc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo