



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

November 1, 2022

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor, State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery disaster determination for the 2022/2023 Bristol Bay red king crab and Bering Sea snow crab fisheries in Alaska. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your request. The Secretary will respond to you with her determination as soon as our evaluation has been completed.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) conducts the evaluation needed for the Secretary of Commerce's fishery disaster determinations. NMFS will work with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to assess whether a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act or the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act. You can find more details about the criteria for evaluating fishery disaster requests in the NMFS Disaster Policy, which can be found on our [website](#).

Please contact Mary Furuness at Mary.Furuness@noaa.gov to ensure NMFS has all the necessary information to complete our analysis. We look forward to working with you on this request.

If you have further questions related to the determination, please contact Makeda Okolo at makeda.okolo@noaa.gov or 202-360-5649.

Sincerely,

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FOR FISHERIES

