



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

October 28, 2022

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
Tallahassee, FL

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery disaster determination for unspecified fisheries in Southwest Florida that were impacted by Hurricane Ian. We share concern about the loss of life, property and income and the devastation associated with Hurricane Ian. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of your request and to request additional information. The Secretary will respond with her determination as soon as all the necessary data have been received and 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 State of Florida 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](#).

Based on our initial review of your request, we will need the following information as soon as possible. Please provide the following information to Mike Travis at Mike.Travis@noaa.gov:

- Name of affected fisheries
- Year of the affected fisheries
- Information about the cause of the fishery resource disaster
- Twelve months of finalized commercial revenues for the affected fishing year
- Annual commercial fishery revenues for the previous five years

We look forward to working with you on this request. If you have further questions, please contact Makeda Okolo at makeda.okolo@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FOR FISHERIES

