

UNITEO STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE 1315 East-West Highway Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

April 6, 2022

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

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery disaster determination for the 2021 Norton Sound chum and coho salmon fisheries in Alaska. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your request and to request additional information. The Secretary will respond with her determination after all the necessary data have been received and our evaluation has been completed.

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service conducts the evaluation needed for the Secretary of Commerce's fishery disaster determinations. We 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 criteria for evaluating fishery disaster requests in our Fishery Disaster Policy 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 Mary Furuness at Mary.Furuness@noaa.gov.

• Twelve months of finalized commercial revenue data for the affected fishing year from the Norton Sound chum and coho salmon fisheries

We look forward to working with you on this request. If you have further questions, please contact Makeda Okolo, Director of NOAA's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at Makeda.Okolo@noaa.gov.

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Sincerely.

Janet L. Coit Assistant Administrator



