



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

January 26, 2024

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery resource disaster determination pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) for the 2023 Upper Cook Inlet East Side Setnet salmon fishery. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your request and to inform you that the Fishery Resource Disasters Improvement Act, which was passed in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, has amended the MSA, and the Secretary is required to respond with her determination within 120 days after receipt of all the necessary data to conduct the analysis.

The National Marine Fisheries Service conducts the evaluation needed for the Secretary's fishery disaster determinations and will work with the State of Alaska to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the MSA.

Based on our initial review of your request, we have the necessary information to assess whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred and as of January 9, 2024, consider your request complete.

If you have additional information to provide, or questions relating to the review of this request, please submit them to our Alaska region point of contact, Stephanie Warpinski, at Stephanie.Warpinski@noaa.gov. We look forward to working with you on this request.

Sincerely,

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

