



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

September 28, 2021

The Honorable Kristopher K. Peters
Chairman
Squaxin Island Tribe
3110 S.E. Old Olympic Highway
Shelton, WA 98584

Dear Chairman Peters:

Thank you for your letter requesting a Federal fishery disaster determination for the 2020 Puget Sound fall chum salmon fishery for the Squaxin Island Tribe. I recognize the importance of your request.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service will work with the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to assess whether a commercial fishery failure due to fishery resource disaster has occurred under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Should you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Mash Sykes, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 341-3089 or ssykes@doc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Raimondo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gina" and last name "Raimondo" clearly distinguishable.

Gina M. Raimondo