



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

March 21, 2022

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy  
Governor, State of Alaska  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery disaster determination for the 2021/22 Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab, and Bering Sea Tanner crab 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 as soon as all the necessary data has 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's fishery disaster determinations. NMFS will work with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to assess whether a commercial fishery failure due to 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 the NMFS Fishery 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 Mary Furuness at [Mary.Furuness@noaa.gov](mailto:Mary.Furuness@noaa.gov).

- Twelve months of finalized commercial revenue for the affected fishing year from the Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab, and Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries
- 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, Director of NOAA's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [Makeda.Okolo@noaa.gov](mailto:Makeda.Okolo@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

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