



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

May 27, 2011

The Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Kitzhaber:

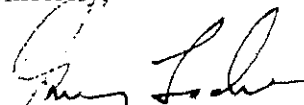
Last year your predecessor, Governor Theodore Kulongoski, sent me a letter requesting determination of a continuation of a commercial fishery failure due to a fisheries resource disaster under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and section 308(d) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act.

I have reviewed his request to continue the 2008 West Coast salmon commercial fishery failure determination in Oregon for the 2010 fishing season because of the low Sacramento River fall Chinook returns in 2010. I have determined that a commercial fishery failure continued in the 2010 Oregon commercial salmon fishery, south of Cape Falcon, Oregon, due to a fisheries resource disaster under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and section 308(d) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act.

This determination provides a basis for Congress to appropriate disaster relief funding under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, section 312(a) and section 308(d) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act, and for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to provide assistance to the State of Oregon and affected communities. If Congress appropriates disaster relief funding, the NMFS Northwest Region will work with you to develop an economic spending plan to support activities that would restore the fishery or prevent a similar failure and assist the affected fishing communities. Section 312(a)(3) requires that the Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out under the authority of this subsection shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of that activity.

If you have any questions, please contact April Boyd, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,


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