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PACIFIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Mr. Randy Fisher
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
205 SE Spokane Street, Suite 100
Portland, OR 97202

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Congress appropriated $20 million under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L 115-141) for fisheries disasters. Ten fishery disasters, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce, are eligible for this funding. These disasters occurred between 2013 and 2017 in Georgia, California, Oregon, Washington, and affected 15 West Coast tribes. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) used commercial revenue loss information to allocate the funding among the eligible disasters. NOAA Fisheries' allocation of disaster funds also took into consideration traditional uses that cannot be accounted for in commercial revenue loss alone.

Based on this approach, NOAA Fisheries has allocated $18,919,062 from these funds to respond to the West Coast and Tribal fishery disasters identified. This amount does not include the allocation for the 2013 Georgia White Shrimp fishery disaster, and reflects a 1 percent recision by NOAA to support the Ernest F. Holllings Scholarship Program. The enclosed table specifies the distribution of disaster funds to each state and tribe for each fishery disaster.

NOAA Fisheries requests that your organization be a recipient of these funds for the purpose of addressing the declared disasters. NOAA Fisheries will provide you with these funds, after we receive, review, and approve a grant application. The grant application must reflect the appropriate use of funds and considerations as outlined here in this letter.

Funds can be used to address a range of impacts including impacts to commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, charter businesses, subsistence users, shore-side infrastructure, and the fishing ecosystem and environment. Please establish a spend plan, in coordination with the states and tribes, to meet the unique needs of local fishermen and related businesses in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act, and the NOAA Fisheries Disaster Policy.

NOAA Fisheries believes that funds should be used for activities that restore the fishery or prevent a similar failure in the future and assist fishing communities affected by such failure. NOAA Fisheries strongly recommends that recipients utilize these funds to strengthen the long-term economic and environmental sustainability of the fishery. This can include, but is not limited to activities such as habitat restoration, research, state-run buybacks, job retraining, and fishery –related infrastructure. Additional guidance is available in Section VI "Forms of

Financial Assistance" in the NOAA Fisheries *Policy Guidance for Disaster Assistance under Magnuson-Stevens Act 312(a) and Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act 308(b) and 308(d)*. (https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/funding-and-financial-services/fishery-disaster-assistance)

The applications developed with the states and tribes must articulate how the activities were prioritized and demonstrate how this assistance is aimed at preventing similar failures in the future. If your application includes a request for direct payments, the project narrative must describe why direct payments, instead of long-term economic and environmental measures, are the best mechanism to address the fishery disaster, and describe the anticipated economic impact on the local fishing community. Your application should also describe the process you use to coordinate across disaster funding from multiple agencies. In addition, your application should describe how it was determined who is eligible for direct payments and how these funds would be allocated.

As soon as possible, please have a member of your staff contact Kim Raneses (West Coast Regional Office) to begin the grant application process via the grants.gov website. You may contact Kim Raneses (kim.raneses@noaa.gov) at 206-526-6131.

We look forward to working with you to expedite the distribution of this much needed assistance to the affected fishing industry and affiliated constituents.

Sincerely,

Scott R

FOR Barry A. Thom
Regional Administrator

Cc: Derek Orner, NOAA Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries

Disaster	Requester	Total Allocation *	Allocation By Requester *
2013 Fraser River Sockeye tribal salmon (WA)	Lummi	$1,490,508	$852,456
	Nooksack,		$25,018
	Tulalip,		$268,223
	Suquamish		$97,358
	Makah		$187,400
	Lower Elwha		$26,723
	Jamestown S'Klallam		$13,999
	Port Gamble S'Klallam		$19,331
2013 Fraser River Sockeye non-tribal salmon (WA)	State of Washington	$439,560	$439,560
2015 Washington Coastal Coho and Pink Tribal Salmon (WA)	Hoh (coho)	$3,852,144	$205,555
	Quileute Tribe (coho)		$1,220,412
	Stillaguamish (coho)		$38,257
	Nooksack (coho)		$149,794
	Muckleshoot (coho)		$1,318,896
	Upper Skagit (coho)		$445,503
	Suquamish (coho)		$123,570
	Muckleshoot (pink)		$129,597
	Upper Skagit (pink)		$220,559
2015-2016 Pacific Sardines (CA)-	Gov of California (2015)	$1,638,360	$1,638,360
	Gov of California (2016)		
2016 Ocean Troll Tribal Coho and Chinook (WA)	Makah Tribe	$1,652,346	$1,652,346
2016 Coastal Tribal Coho Salmon (WA)-	Quileute Tribe	$969,030	$969,030
2016 - 2017 Klamath River Fall Chinook Tribal (CA)	Hoopa (2016)	$1,692,306	
	Hoopa (2017)		
	Yurok (2017)		
2016 - 2017 Klamath River Fall Chinook Non-Tribal (CA)	CA (2016)	$5,036,958	$5,036,958
	CA (2017)		
2016-2017 Klamath River Fall Chinook Non-Tribal (OR)	OR (2016)	$2,147,850	$2,147,850
	OR (2017)		
TOTAL		**$18,919,062**	**$18,919,062**

* Please note these final amounts include 0.1% taken out for the Hollings Tax