

# Fishery Disaster Determinations in CA – 2015 to present

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Below is a summary of fishery disaster determinations, in reverse chronological order, with information on each determination, including the disaster request, decision letter, press release, and funding authority.

## **120. California Red Sea Urchin Fishery, 2018 and 2019, \*Pending\***

Fishery/Area Affected: California Red Sea Urchin Fishery

Region: West Coast Region

### **Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Governor Gavin Newsom

Request Date: 2/25/2022

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

### **Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination:

Determination Date:

[Press Release](#):

Cause of Disaster:

Determination Authority:

[Determination Letter](#):

## **102. Klamath River Fall Chinook Salmon Fishery, 2019 and 2020 (Yurok Tribe) \*Pending\***

Fishery/Area Affected: Yurok Tribe

Region: West Coast Region

### **Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Joseph L. James, Chairman, Yurok Tribe

Request Date: 10/30/20; 4/25/21

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 7 pages); [Request Letter](#) (PDF, 4 pages)

### **Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination:

Determination Date:

[Press Release](#):

Cause of Disaster:

Determination Authority:

[Determination Letter](#):

## **90. California Pacific Sardine Fishery, 2017-2019**

Fishery/Area Affected: California Pacific Sardine Fishery

Region: West Coast Region

### **Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester(s): Gov. Gavin Newsom (CA)

Request Date: June 18, 2019

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

**Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 10/30/2019

[Press Release](#)

Cause of Disaster: Natural causes

Determination Authority: MSA 312(a); IFA 308(d)

[Determination Letter](#) (PDF, 1 page)

Amount: \$2,218,904

**87. California Red Sea Urchin Fishery, 2016 and 2017**

Fishery/Area Affected: 2016 and 2017 California Red Sea Urchin Fishery (Northern Management Zone)

Region: West Coast

**Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Gov. Gavin Newsom (CA)

Request Date: 2/28/19

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 3 pages)

**Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 10/30/2019

[Press Release](#)

Cause of Disaster: Natural causes

Determination Authority: MSA 312(a); IFA 308(d)

[Determination Letter](#) (PDF, 1 page)

Amount: \$3,329,343

**86. Klamath River Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery, 2018 (Yurok Tribe)**

Fishery/Area Affected: 2018 Yurok Tribe Klamath River Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery

Region: West Coast Region

**Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Joseph L. James, Chairman, Yurok Tribe

Request Date: 2/11/19

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

**Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 10/30/2019

[Press Release](#)

Cause of Disaster: Natural causes

Determination Authority: MSA 312(a)

[Determination Letter](#) (PDF, 1 page)

Amount: \$2,226,068

**75. California Pacific Sardine Fishery, 2015-2016**

Fishery/Area Affected: California Pacific Sardine Fishery

Region: West Coast Region

**Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Acting Gov. Gavin Newsom (CA)

Request Date: 9/5/2017

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 3 pages)

**Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 9/24/2018

[Press Release](#) (PDF, 1 page)

Cause of Disaster: Natural causes

Determination Authority: MSA 312(a), IFA 308 (d)

[Determination Letter](#) (PDF, 1 page)

**Appropriation**

Funding Authority: P.L 115-141

Amount: \$1,640,000

**74. Oregon and California Klamath River Fall Chinook Salmon Fishery, 2016 and 2017**

Fishery/Area Affected: Oregon and California Klamath River Fall Chinook Salmon Fishery

Region: West Coast Region

**Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Ryan Jackson, Chairman, Hoopa Valley Tribe; Thomas P. O'Rourke, Chairperson, Yurok Tribal Council; Govs. Edmund G. Brown Jr. (CA) and Kate Brown (OR)

Request Date: 3/13/2017, 4/25/2017, 5/24/2017

Request Letter: [Hoopa](#) (PDF, 2 pages), [Yurok](#) (PDF, 2 pages), [California and Oregon](#) (PDF, 5 pages)

**Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 9/24/2018

[Press Release](#) (PDF, 1 page)

Cause of Disaster: Natural causes

Determination Authority: MSA 312(a), IFA 308(b), IFA 308(d)

Determination Letters: [Hoopa](#), [Yurok](#), [California](#), and [Oregon](#) (PDF, each 1 page)

**Appropriation**

Funding Authority: P.L 115-141

Amount: \$8,886,000

**70. California Klamath River Chinook Salmon Fishery, 2016 (Yurok Tribe)**

Fishery/Area Affected: Klamath River Commercial Fishery

Region: West Coast Region

**Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Thomas P. O'Rourke, Sr., Chairperson, Yurok Tribe

Request Date: 7/20/2016

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 5 pages)

**Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 1/18/2017

Press Release

Cause of Disaster: Natural Causes (warm ocean conditions)

Determination Authority: MSA 312(a)

[Determination Letter](#) (PDF, 1 page)

**Appropriation**

Funding Authority: [P.L. 115-123](#)

Amount: \$3,864,904

**67. California Dungeness Crab and Rock Crab, 2015-2016**

Fishery/Area Affected: California Dungeness Crab and Rock Crab 2015-2016

Region: West Coast Region

**Disaster Assistance Request**

Requester: Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., (CA)

Request Date: 2/9/2016

[Request Letter](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

**Secretary of Commerce Determination**

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 1/18/2017

Press Release

Cause of Disaster: Natural Causes (harmful algal bloom)

Determination Authority: MSA 312(a), IFA 308(d)

[Determination Letter](#) (PDF, 1 page)

**Appropriation**

Funding Authority: [P.L. 115-123](#)

Amount: \$25,797,268