



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

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The Honorable Tate Reeves  
Governor of Mississippi  
550 High Street  
Sillers Building, 19th Floor  
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Governor Reeves:

Thank you for your letter requesting a federal fishery disaster determination for the 2020 oyster and shrimp fisheries in Mississippi. I am responding on behalf of Secretary Gina M. Raimondo to acknowledge receipt of your request and to request additional information. The Secretary will respond with her determination once all of the necessary data have 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 Mississippi Department of Marine Resources to assess whether a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster has occurred under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. You can find more details about criteria for evaluating fishery disaster requests in the NMFS 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 this information to Mike Travis at [mike.travis@noaa.gov](mailto:mike.travis@noaa.gov), and contact him at 727-209-5982 to discuss how this information should be compiled and provided.

- Twelve months of commercial revenue during the affected fishing year (12-month period) for the brown shrimp and oyster fisheries, and
- Commercial fishery revenues during the previous 5 years for the brown shrimp and oyster fisheries.

If you have any 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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