

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 11, 2025

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Vought:

We write to urge you to promptly review and act upon the application resubmitted by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission requesting the apportionment of funds which were declared in 2023 for \$7,050,722. The disaster declaration was determined following a catastrophic regional fishery disaster for the State of Oregon ocean commercial salmon fisheries for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 seasons.

Oregon salmon and salmon fisheries are an invaluable cultural, economic, and ecological resource in our state. Salmon are highly valued by Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest for cultural, subsistence, and economic benefits. Additionally, the commercial salmon industry is a significant economic driver for rural communities on the Oregon Coast, generating millions of dollars in economic output. Sadly, our salmon fisheries have faced significant obstacles over the last decade which have resulted in significant fishery declines.

Unfortunately, our salmon fishermen continue to wait on the apportionment of funds that have been authorized and appropriated. This funding was approved and has been awaiting re-evaluation since the Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission submitted a final revised application for apportionment in October 2024.

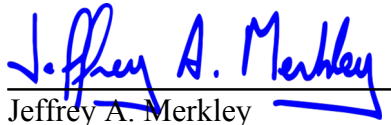
Because we continue to hear from concerned constituents, we request that you provide responses to the following inquiries by August 1, 2025:

1. Does the Office of Management and Budget require additional information to process the application submitted by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)?

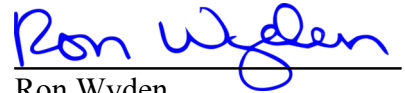
2. Will the Office of Management and Budget commit to promptly reviewing the application resubmitted by PSMFC in a timely manner and to apportion and obligate funding to the designated amount of \$7,050,722 for the declared disaster?

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to a timely disbursement of these critical funds to assist Oregon's commercial salmon industry and await your response.

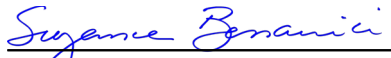
Sincerely,



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