



PACIFIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

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RE: 2018 and 2020 Copper River and Prince William Sound Salmon Disaster Relief

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) allocated \$1,027,000 to communities as part of the 2018 and 2020 Copper River and Prince William Sound salmon disasters. The **City of Valdez** is eligible to receive a one-time payment of **\$62,223**.

Municipalities and boroughs depend on revenue from Prince William Sound salmon landings and other fishery-related activities. Local governments were negatively impacted by the fishery disasters, as fishery revenue makes up a significant portion of their operating budgets, supporting services like education, public works, ports, and harbors. The State's Fishery Business tax rate is 3% for shore-based landings, with revenue split 50/50 between the State and the municipalities or boroughs where the landings occurred. If landings happen within both a municipality and a borough, the tax revenue is divided equally between the two entities.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Fish ticket data must show that Chinook and/or Sockeye Salmon from the Copper River drift gillnet fishery were landed in the municipality in 2018, or that Chinook, Sockeye, and/or Chum Salmon from Prince William Sound were landed in 2020.

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2. The estimated loss in gross revenue for salmon species landed in the municipality in 2018 and 2020 combined must be at least \$150,000 compared to the respective five-year averages (2013-2017 and 2015-2019).

Distribution of Funds:

Disaster funds will be distributed **pro rata** to eligible communities based on each community's proportion of the total loss of all eligible communities. If landings occurred in a community represented by both a municipality and borough, the funds will be split 50/50.

Please submit the following no later than Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.

Funds will be issued upon receipt of the information below.

Please write or call with questions.

Respectfully,

Brian Bissell, Project Manager

Fishery Disaster Programs

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In order to provide your community with disaster relief, we must receive the following form you:

1. Attached ACH Form
2. Attached W-9 Form
3. Return a copy of this letter, completed below.

Point of Contact:

Phone:

Email:
