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Can you distribute this to all on the FWG email list? Tks.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Matt Gruening <Matt.Gruening@akleg.gov>
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To: "Rep. Louise Stutes" <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>
Subject: Disaster Funding Approved Update #7

Good afternoon and Happy 4th of July!

This is update # 7 to the disaster relief list and I am pleased to report that NOAA has approved the 2016 pink salmon disaster relief funding!! I spoke to one of our contacts in PSMFC yesterday who told me that the funding transfer itself will not occur until the end of the week, possibly early next week but it is greenlighted. At that point, we are finally to distribution!!!

Please see below email from ADF&G Deputy Commissioner Rachel Baker :

Hello, I wanted to pass along a few updates on the 2016 Gulf of Alaska pink salmon disaster funds.

- 1) *NOAA has approved approximately \$54 million in disaster funds spending for research and direct payments to CFEC permit holders, crew and processors. The funds will be transferred to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission). **The Commission has established a fisheries disaster web site at <https://www.psmfc.org/fishery-disaster-programs>. This site is the best source of information about the funds distribution process and timeline, please monitor the site for updated information.***
- 2) *The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission will be mailing disaster funds payment applications directly to affected CFEC permit holders and processors. CFEC permit holders will be required to submit the names and addresses of each crew member on their application and Pacific States will send a separate application to those crew members. **Applications must be completed and returned by the deadline to receive a payment. The application period will accommodate the summer fishing season.***
- 3) *To help ensure that CFEC permit holder applications are mailed to the correct address, permit holders may wish to verify the current mailing address on record with CFEC: <https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/#permits>*

*If a correction is needed, submit the following address change form to CFEC:
https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Address_Change_Form.pdf*

- 4) *We are making good progress to find a method for distributing direct payments to eligible municipalities. The Pacific States web site will be updated with information as soon as it is available.*

I do know that they will also be setting up a 1-800 hotline relatively quickly as well. I would recommend checking CFEC to ensure that you have the right address on file. The application period has yet to be established and the website does not have a lot of info on it currently, but I expect it to be updated as things move along.

Thank you for your patience throughout this process and please let me know if you have any questions. This is not the end of the updates. I will continue to send them as we learn more information.

Cheers and good fishing!

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