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

Mr. David J. Goldenberg
Executive Director
California Sea Urchin Commission
P.O. Box 2077
Folsom, CA 95763-2077

Dear Mr. Goldenberg:

Thank you for your letter regarding the status of the 2018/2019 California Red Sea Urchin Fishery Resource Disaster funding. The allocation of approximately \$1.6 million in fishery resource disaster assistance to mitigate the effects of the California sea urchin disaster was announced on January 29, 2024. The allocation initiated the application process for the obligation of those funds. The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission submitted their application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through our grants management system on June 6, 2024. The application is currently awaiting final White House Office of Management and Budget review and approval, and final apportionment of the funds. We anticipate the obligation of funds to the Commission to occur approximately 60 days after the OMB apportionment.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dan Namur, National Marine Fisheries Service Financial Assistance Division Director, at Dan.Namur@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Piñeiro Soler".

Eugenio Piñeiro Soler
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THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FOR FISHERIES

