

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Director
The Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

CC: Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, NOAA Administrator

Dear Director Donovan:

We write regarding disaster relief funds to the New England groundfish industry. We understand that in December 2014, New Hampshire submitted a final grant application to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for federal disaster relief and is currently awaiting further action.

Fishing is a historic and honorable trade in New Hampshire and across our nation. This disaster relief will provide critical short-term support for New Hampshire's small boat fishing industry, which has been forced to near extinction in recent years. New Hampshire's fishermen need certainty to ensure the livelihood of their businesses, therefore we urge immediate action on New Hampshire's grant application to provide the fishing industry with necessary temporary relief.

We respectfully request an update regarding the status of New Hampshire's final grant application for federal disaster funds and again urge your prompt action on the final grant application. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Ayotte
U.S. Senator



Jeanne Shaheen
U.S. Senator



Frank Guinta
Member of Congress