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Governor Orders State Agencies to Help Families and Communities Hurt by Curtailment of Ocean Salmon

Governor dedicates \$500,000 in strategic reserve fund dollars to help affected communities

(Salem) – Governor Ted Kulongoski today declared a state of emergency for affected areas of the Oregon coast due to anticipated curtailment of the ocean salmon fishing season. Executive Order 08-10 directs state agencies to take immediate action to help mitigate the impact on Oregon's communities and fishing related businesses on the coast.

"This will be devastating to the communities and families on the coast that rely on salmon fishing for their livelihood," Governor Kulongoski said. "Our job now is to help these communities make ends meet during this difficult time and to fight for federal assistance to help them for the longer term."

The Governor issued the executive order in anticipation that the Pacific Fishery Management Council will issue a recommendation to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to significantly curtail the commercial and recreational salmon fishing season in Oregon south of Cape Falcon. The loss of fishing opportunity will have a devastating impact on coastal families and communities that rely on the commercial and recreational salmon fishing for income.

The executive order directs resources to those communities to help with job retraining, unemployment benefits, reemployment opportunities and directs the Office of Emergency Management to seek all federal funds that are available to help mitigate effects from the emergency.

"Every agency will make helping these communities a priority," added Governor Kulongoski. "Additionally, I will be dedicating \$500,000 from my strategic reserve fund to provide immediate assistance until further aid is made available by the federal government."

All state agencies are directed to provide appropriate state resources and to seek any available private and federal dollars to provide emergency assistance to affected individuals, families, businesses and communities. All agencies under the executive order will report back to the Governor within 60 days to provide an update on progress made and will continue to report every 60 days until the emergency is over.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the executive order.

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