



Wild Fish Conservancy

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May 24, 2023

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Submitted Via Email: douglas.vincent-lang@alaska.gov

Dear Commissioner Vincent-Lang:

Pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 424.14(b), we hereby provide notice that Wild Fish Conservancy intends to file a petition under the federal Endangered Species Act to list and designate critical habitat for Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) in Southern Alaska, including Southeast and Southwest Alaska and Cooke Inlet, no sooner than 30 days from the date that this notice is provided.

We understand this 30-day notice may no longer be legally required under the Endangered Species Act but we are submitting as a courtesy as it is our intent to maintain open communication with the state of Alaska through this petition process about our concerns over the health of Alaska Chinook populations.

Sincerely,

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