

Venetie Village Council  
General Delivery  
Venetie, AK 99781

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Dear Michelle,

We, the Venetie Village Council, request the designation of the Chandlar River to be an Outstanding National Resource Water (Tier 3), as it fulfills state regulatory requirements: it is located within the Yukon Flats Wildlife Refuge and the village lies below the confluence of the Chandlar and East Fork River. This place holds the spawning bed for the chum salmon and thus, provides a great ecological significance for the whole area.

Venetie has had a long-time concern about the Chandlar Mine and its possible impacts to the Chandlar River and the land, especially the chum salmon, but also, grayling, King Salmon, and the whole area is a gateway for waterfowl, which we rely heavily upon to survive.

Therefore, after a discussion of the matter in a village council meeting, it was determined by the Venetie village council to request the designation of the Chandlar River to be an Outstanding Natural Resource (Tier 3).

1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Venetie

  
Jerry Frank

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Hello Michelle,

My name is Matt Gilbert. I coordinated Jerry Frost in writing the Letter for Nomination. I know it's him you would prefer to speak to, since he's on the heading but if you need to speak to someone, please don't hesitate to contact me, email is the best way: [mattgak35@gmail.com](mailto:mattgak35@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Matt Gilbert