



THE STATE
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GOVERNOR MICHAEL J. DUNLEAVY

Department of Environmental
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November 25, 2019

First Chief Jerry Frank
Venetie Village Council
General Delivery
Venetie, Alaska 99781

Dear First Chief Frank:

The nomination of the Chandlar River for designation as an Outstanding Natural Resource Water (ONWR or Tier 3) was submitted by the Venetie Village Council on July 23, 2016.

At the time of your submission, the State did not have a process for designating Tier 3 waters. The Department is now notifying you that the established process for designation of Tier 3 water in the State of Alaska is by submission of your application to the Legislature. Tier 3 designations can be made by legislative action. A copy of the Department's November 21, 2018 Policy and Procedure, setting out this Tier 3 designation process, is attached for your reference. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that this process is consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

Additional information can be found on the department's website at:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/standards/antidegradation/>.

Thank you for your Tier 3 submission.

Sincerely,

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Amber LeBlanc, Acting Director



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Chilkat Indian Village
32 Chilkat Avenue, Klukwan, Alaska
HC60 Box 2207
Haines, Alaska 99827
Email: klukwan@chilkat-nsn.gov

Dear Sir:

The nomination of the Chilkat River for designation as an Outstanding Natural Resource Water (ONWR or Tier 3) was submitted by the Chilkat Indian Village of Klukwan on February 13, 2015.

At the time of your submission, the State did not have a process for designating Tier 3 waters. The Department is now notifying you that the established process for designation of Tier 3 water in the State of Alaska is by submission of your application to the Legislature. Tier 3 designations can be made by legislative action. A copy of the Department's November 21, 2018 Policy and Procedure, setting out this Tier 3 designation process, is attached for your reference. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that this process is consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

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First Chief Woodie Salmon
Chalkyitsik Village Council
P.O. Box 57
Chalkyitsik, Alaska 99788

First Chief Nancy James
Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government
P.O. Box 126
Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740

Dear First Chief Salmon and First Chief James:

The nomination of the Draanjik River for designation as an Outstanding Natural Resource Water (ONWR or Tier 3) was submitted by Mr. Joe Matesi on your behalf on November 7, 2017.

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Trout Unlimited, Inc. – Alaska Program
100 Main Street, Suite 207
Ketchikan, AK 99919

Dan Oberlatz
Alaska Alpine Adventures, LLC
2133 Dahl Lane
Anchorage, AK 99503

Renewable Resources Coalition
605 West 2nd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Alaska Independent Fishermen's
Marketing Association
PO Box 60131
Seattle, WA 98160

SnoPac Products, Inc.
6118 12th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98108

Nushagak-Mulchatna Wood- Tikchik
Land Trust
1300 Federal Way 16
Twin Hills, AK 99576

Nunamta Aulukestai
PO Box 735
Dillingham, AK 99576

Dear Petitioners:

The updated nomination of the Kaktuli River for designation as an Outstanding Natural Resource Water (ONWR or Tier 3) was submitted on your behalf on April 27, 2012.

At the time of your submission, the State did not have a process for designating Tier 3 waters. The Department is now notifying you that the established process for designation of Tier 3 water in the State of Alaska is by submission of your application to the Legislature. Tier 3 designations can be made by legislative action. A copy of the Department's November 21, 2018 Policy and Procedure, setting out this Tier 3 designation process, is attached for your reference. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that this process is consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

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President Victoria L. Demmert
Yakutat Tlingit Tribe Council
606 Forest Hwy. 10
P.O. Box 418
Yakutat, Alaska 99689

Dear President Demmert:

The nomination of the Yakutat Forelands for designation as an Outstanding Natural Resource Water (ONWR or Tier 3) was submitted by the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe Council on February 22, 2016.

At the time of your submission, the State did not have a process for designating Tier 3 waters. The Department is now notifying you that the established process for designation of Tier 3 water in the State of Alaska is by submission of your application to the Legislature. Tier 3 designations can be made by legislative action. A copy of the Department's November 21, 2018 Policy and Procedure, setting out this Tier 3 designation process, is attached for your reference. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that this process is consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

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