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Mayor Jensen & Mr. Giesbrecht,

Just wanted to touch base in case Petersburg would consider comment to NOAA on their evaluation to determine whether to list Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon under the Endangered Species Act. The deadline for comment is **Sept 6**, and it can be submitted as an email or attached letter to this portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/NOAA-NMFS-2024-0042-0001>

Alaska residents, fisheries, and non-fisheries businesses and industries could be significantly affected by such a listing, and there are no scientific data we are aware of that warrants a population-level risk to Gulf Chinook. We just wanted to try to get the word out since public comment makes a difference. I've attached the PSPA letter we submitted in early July, and a short ADFG backgrounder on the issue if that is helpful.

Thank you,
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