



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Issuance of Biological Opinion

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the statute of limitations provision in title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41) NMFS is providing this notification, upon request by the project sponsor (8 Star Alaska, LLC), of our issuance of a biological opinion for the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project. We issued this biological opinion under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

ADDRESSES: The biological opinion listed in this notice is available online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/biological-opinion-federal-energy-regulatory-commission-alaska-liquefied-natural>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under FAST-41 (42 U.S.C. 4370m *et seq.*, as amended), the statute of limitations provision (42 U.S.C. 4370m-6(a)(1)) requires that claims challenging any authorization issued by a Federal agency for a FAST-41 covered project must be filed within 2 years of the date on which notice of the authorization is published in the **Federal Register**. The provision is intended to provide certainty about the status of legal claims concerning a covered project by establishing a maximum time after which legal proceedings cannot be initiated. Building on the goal of FAST-41 to increase transparency in Federal decision-making, publication in the **Federal Register**

puts potential litigants on notice that an authorization is subject to judicial review and the statute of limitations has begun.

We are, therefore, providing notice of our issuance of a biological opinion in accordance with section 7 of the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This will be done when a project sponsor or the lead action agency requests public notice. The biological opinion is a final agency action under the ESA and an authorization under FAST-41 (42 U.S.C. 4370m(3)). Publication of this notice serves as the initiation of the 2-year statute of limitations for this action.

Availability of Documents

You may view the biological opinion via the NMFS website (see ADDRESSES).

Authority:

We issue this notice under the authority of title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41) (42 U.S.C. 4370m *et seq.*, as amended).

Dated: January 27, 2026.

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