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Office of Environmental Information
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Docket #EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0189

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to request the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extend the comment period for the Revised Draft Bristol Bay Assessment (BBA) by at least 120 days.

The comment period ending May 31, 2013 should be extended to adequately allow for public review of the document. The comment period does not provide sufficient time to fully read and respond to such a technical and lengthy document. If the request for public comment were sincere, adequate time would be allowed, as well as a summary of changes made since the last public comment submissions.

I further assert that the EPA is undermining the existing State of Alaska and established federal regulatory processes. The attempted preemptive action of EPA sets a dangerous precedent that will squelch future development of Alaska's resources and economy. Investment in Alaska should not be jeopardized by unconstitutional federal overreach.

Respectfully,


Senator Cathy Giessel