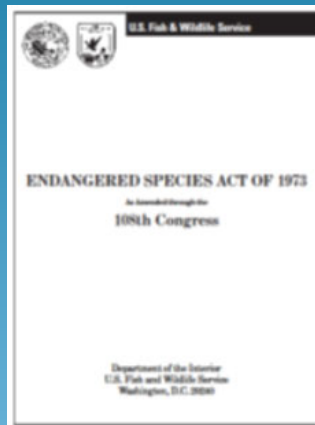




Endangered Species Act Petition and Status Assessment Process



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Petition to list AA Wolf

On July 15, 2020, the Center for Biological Diversity, Alaska Rainforest Defenders, and Defenders of Wildlife submitted a petition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the Alexander Archipelago wolf (AA Wolf) in Southeast Alaska as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act.



Petition to list AA Wolf

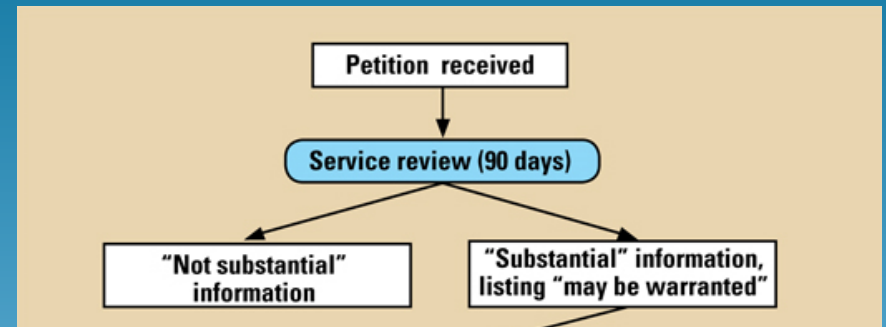
- The petition cited the effects of logging and road development, trapping and hunting, climate change, loss of genetic diversity and inbreeding depression as primary factors that warranted listing.
- The petition also claimed existing regulatory mechanisms may be inadequate to provide the necessary protections to prevent habitat destruction and modification from logging and road construction, overexploitation from trapping and hunting, and anthropogenic climate change to the AA wolf.



Petition process

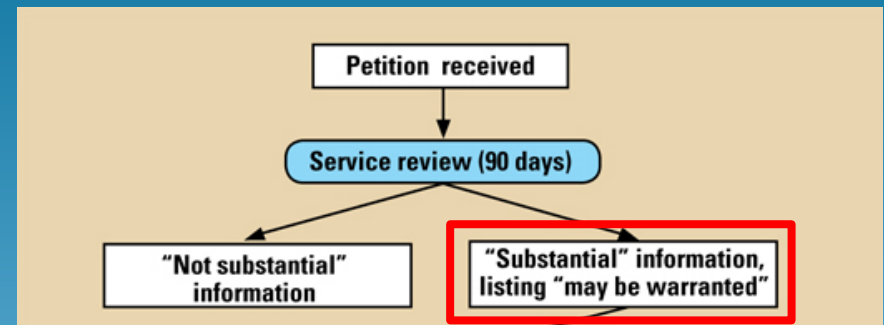
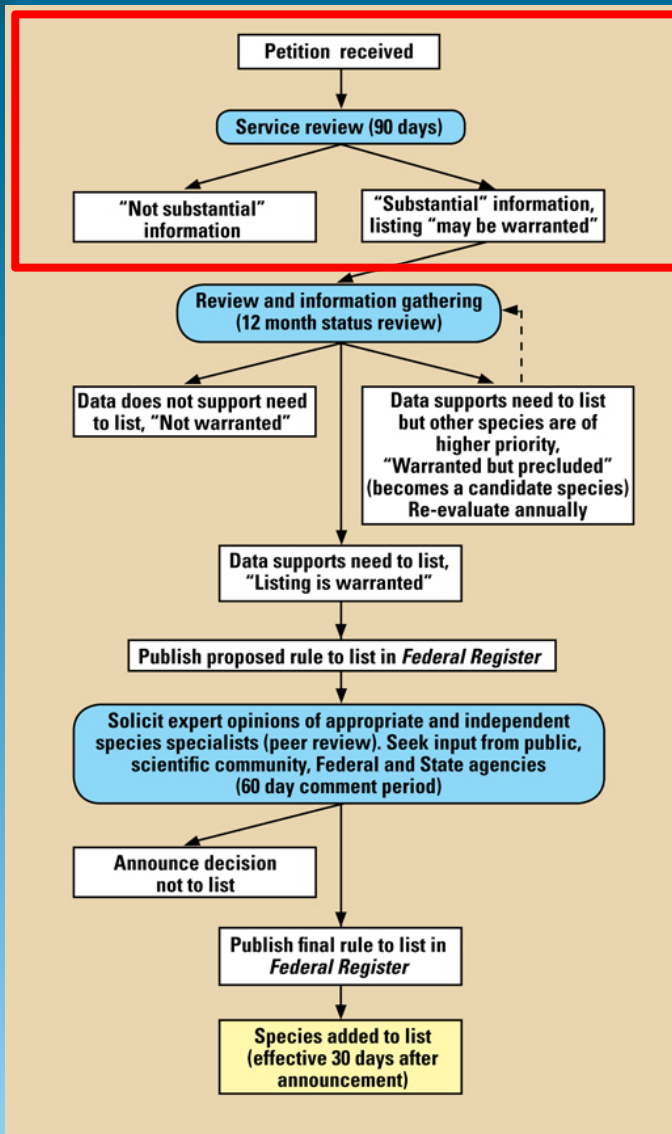


Petition process, 90-day finding





Petition process, AA Wolf 90-day



On July 27, 2021, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published in the Federal Register our 90-day finding, in which we determined the petition contained substantial information indicating the petitioned action may be warranted.

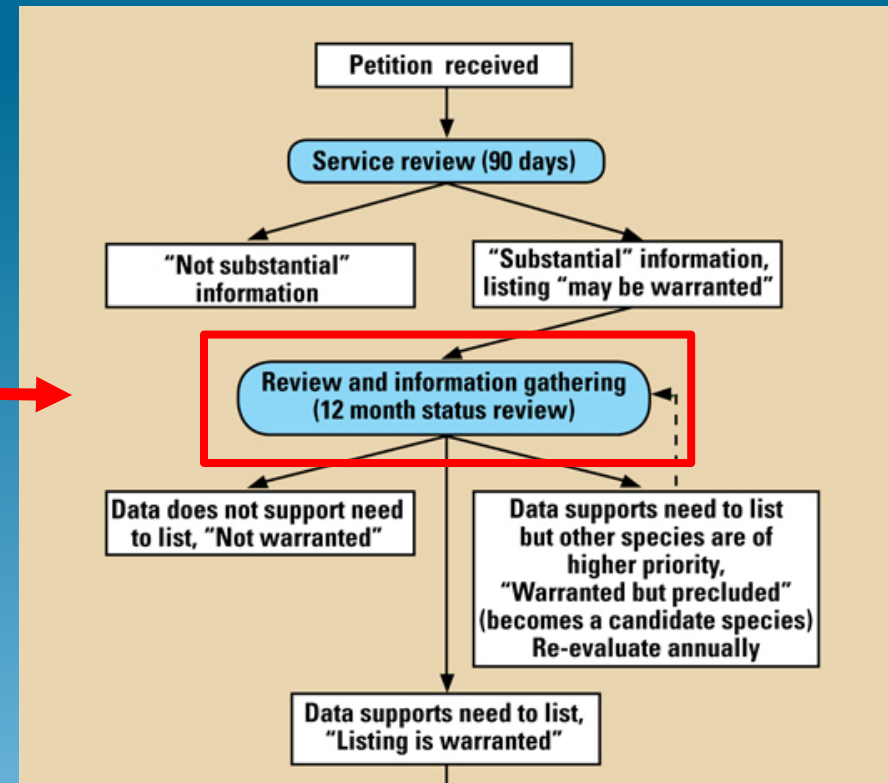
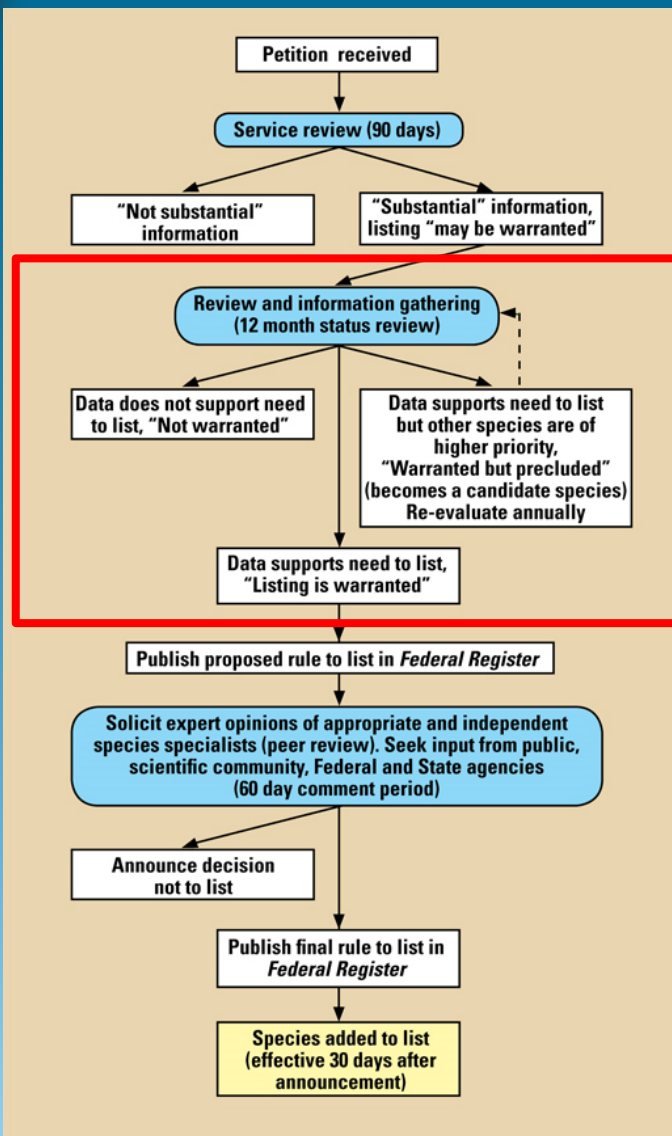


Petition process – next steps





Petition process – 12 month finding



Our next step is to conduct a species status review.

We will announce when we initiate the review and will request scientific, commercial, and other information regarding the AA wolf.



Petition timeline

- July 15, 2020 – petition received
- July 27, 2021 – USFWS publishes 90-day finding
- Fall 2021 – USFWS will initiate 12-month status assessment
- Fiscal Year 2023 – USFWS will publish our finding and listing decision



Petition timeline comparison

Comparison to 2011 Petition timeline

- August 10, 2011 – petition received
- March 31, 2014 – USFWS publishes 90-day finding
- September 22, 2014 – USFWS agreed, via court settlement, to initiate 12-month status assessment
- January 5, 2016 – USFWS published our finding and listing decision (not warranted)



Petition resources

Information on the petition and listing process

- **USFWS website on the Petition Process:**

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website on the ESA petition response process:](https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-petition-process.html#:~:text=Petitions%20are%20formal%20requests%20to,specific%20findings%20on%20the%20petition)

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