

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

STATE OF ALASKA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE,

Defendant,

and

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY,

Intervenor-Defendant.

Case No. 3:23-cv-00032-SLG

**ORDER RE MOTION TO INTERVENE BY CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY**

Before the Court at Docket 12 is the *Motion to Intervene by Center for Biological Diversity* pursuant to Federal rule of Civil Procedure 24(a), or alternatively to Rule 24(b). Plaintiff filed a response stating its non-opposition to the motion at Docket 20; Federal Defendant takes no position on the motion.

Upon due consideration, the motion is GRANTED. IT IS ORDERED that the Center for Biological Diversity (“Center”) is granted leave to intervene in all claims challenging Federal Defendant’s designation of critical habitat for the ringed seal and the bearded seal. The Center shall file a clean copy of its Answer (Docket 12-

2) within seven days of the date of this order. The case caption is amended as shown above.

DATED this 9th day of May, 2023, at Anchorage, Alaska.

/s/ Sharon L. Gleason
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE