

Peer Review Plan for the Species Status Assessment of the Panamint Alligator Lizard (*Elgaria panamintina*)

About the Document

Titles:

1) Species Status Assessment for the Panamint Alligator Lizard (*Elgaria panamintina*)

Description of Documents:

1) The Species Status Assessment is intended to be an in-depth review of the species' biology and stressors, an evaluation of its biological status, and an assessment of the resources and conditions needed to maintain long-term viability.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Individual letters

Number of reviewers: The peer review process included written requests for peer review from six peer reviewers.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter.

Reviewer expertise: Expertise sought for the review includes familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements for the Panamint alligator lizard, its morphological and genetic characteristics, and similarities with other lizards.

Estimated start date of peer review: November 21, 2017.

About Public Participation

Opportunities for the Public: The public had an opportunity to provide information regarding the Panamint alligator lizard following the publication of the 90-day finding in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 56423; September 18, 2015). Should we determine that listing of this species is warranted, a notice in the **Federal Register** will initiate another opportunity for the public to provide comments and information through the standard rule-making process (e.g., via www.regulations.gov).

The Service also submitted the Species Status Assessment for review and comment to: 1 State agency, 2 Federal agencies, and to relevant Tribal partners.

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