

## Group wants seals protected because of dwindling ice

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A conservation group says it will sue to force a federal agency to consider listing ribbon seals, an ice seal found in Bering Sea waters, as threatened because of global warming.

The deadline was today for the National Marine Fisheries Service to give an initial review to a petition by the Center for Biological Diversity.

The group can sue 60 days after giving notice.

The group in December petitioned to list ribbon seals as threatened or endangered because their habitat -- sea ice -- is disappearing due to climate change brought on by humans.

The group already has sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to make a final decision on listing polar bears as threatened because of global warming.

That decision was due Jan. 9.