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 10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
 11 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

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 13 **CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,** )

14 Plaintiff, )

15 v. )

16 **UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE** )  
 17 **SERVICE, Dan Ashe, in his official position as** )  
 18 **Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service,** )  
 19 **UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL** )  
 20 **PROTECTION AGENCY, and Lisa Jackson,** )  
 in her official capacity as Administrator of )  
 21 **EPA** )

22 Defendants

) Case No. 3:11-cv-5108-JSW  
 ) Case No. 3:02-cv-1580-JSW (related case)

) **Unopposed Motion to Extend the**  
 ) **Deadline for Responsive Pleadings**  
 ) **AND ORDER THEREON**

1 As things currently stand, the Federal Defendants' responsive pleading in this case is due  
2 on December 19, 2011. Plaintiffs and the Federal Defendants would like to explore the potential  
3 to settle this case. Accordingly, the Federal Defendants hereby move this Court to extend the  
4 responsive pleading deadline to February 20, 2012. In support of this motion, the Federal  
5 Defendants state as follows:  
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- 7 1. This is the first request for an extension of time in this case.
  - 8 2. The motion is unopposed.
  - 9 3. The requested extension may help avoid potentially needless litigation activity.
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11 WHEREFORE, the Federal Defendants request the Court grant this Motion, and thereby  
12 extend the deadline for the Federal Defendants to file their responsive pleading as discussed  
13 above.  
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1 Dated: December 1, 2011  
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3 Respectfully Submitted,  
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