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

14 NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE)
15 COUNCIL, INC., et al.,) Civ. Action No. 07-4771-EDL
)
16 Plaintiffs,) STIPULATED REQUEST TO EXTEND
) DEFENDANTS' TIME TO ANSWER
17 v.) PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT
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18 CARLOS GUTIERREZ, SECRETARY) [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER
OF THE UNITED STATES)
19 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, et al.)
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20 Defendants.)
) Judge: Hon. Elizabeth D. Laporte
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28 Stipulation and [Proposed] Order Permitting Extension of Time to Answer
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1 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs filed the above captioned case on September 17, 2007;

2 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs served the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of
3 California with the Summons and Complaint on December 6, 2007;

4 WHEREAS, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a), Defendants' answer to
5 Plaintiffs' Complaint would be due on February 4, 2008;

6 WHEREAS, Defendants aver that, due to the intervening holidays, preparation for the January
7 16, 2008 preliminary injunction hearing in this case, and heavy workloads in government counsels'
8 other cases, a one month extension of time to March 4, 2008, is necessary for Defendants to answer
9 Plaintiffs' Complaint;

10 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs do not oppose a one month extension of Defendants' time to answer;

11 Subject to the approval of the Court, the parties hereby stipulate as follows:

12 1. Defendants' time to answer Plaintiffs' Complaint shall be enlarged to March 4, 2008.

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18 Dated: February 1, 2008

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FUTURES SOCIETY; JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

By: _____
Honorable _____
United States Judge

