

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	2:10-cv-01663-MLCF-JCW
)	
v.)	SECTION F
)	
KENNETH LEE “KEN” SALAZAR, <i>et al.</i> ,)	JUDGE FELDMAN
)	
Defendants,)	MAGISTRATE WILKINSON
)	
and)	
)	
DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants-Intervenors.)	
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**DEFENDANT-INTERVENORS DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE AND NATURAL
RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL**

Defendant-Intervenors Defenders of Wildlife (“Defenders”) and Natural Resources Defense Council (“NRDC”) intervened in this litigation to protect their aesthetic, economic, and recreational interests in the lands and waters in and around the Gulf of Mexico—interests that were being protected by the drilling moratorium issued by Secretary Salazar on May 28, 2010. That moratorium has since been withdrawn as has the subsequent moratorium Secretary Salazar

ordered on July 12, 2010. In addition, there are a number of parties involved in this case and the related cases, *Ensco Offshore Co. v. Kenneth Lee Salazar*, No. 10-1941, and *Texas v. Kenneth Lee Salazar*, No. 10-2949. Many of those parties are likely to raise the same arguments as Defenders and NRDC regarding any unresolved issues in those cases, and judicial economy and efficiency would be served by eliminating redundant or duplicative filings. Withdrawal by intervenors Defenders and NRDC will not cause prejudice to any remaining party.

For these reasons, Defenders and NRDC move to withdraw as parties. Defenders and NRDC have consulted with all other parties to this litigation, including opposing parties and Defendant-Intervenors Center for Biological Diversity, Florida Wildlife Federation, and Sierra Club. All parties have consented to Defenders and NRDC's withdrawal. Accordingly, Defenders and NRDC move this Court to grant this motion for withdrawal.

Respectfully submitted December 1, 2010,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 1, 2010, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served through the Court's CM/ECF system to all parties.

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