

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

2  
3  
4  
5  
6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL  
10 ADVOCATES,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, *et*  
*al.*,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C16-1866-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

15  
16 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.  
17 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

18 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion to extend the  
19 briefing schedule on Plaintiff Northwest Environmental Advocates' motion for attorney fees  
20 (Dkt. No. 191). Plaintiff and the Federal Defendants<sup>1</sup> request that the Court extend Federal  
21 Defendants' deadline to respond to Plaintiff's motion until May 6, 2021 and Plaintiff's reply  
22 deadline until May 20, 2021 because the parties have reached a tentative settlement and Federal  
23 Defendants must seek approval from appropriate officials. (*See id.*) The Court finds good cause  
24

25 <sup>1</sup> "Federal Defendants" is not defined with precision in the motion, but the Court understands the  
26 term to refer to the U.S. Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

1 and GRANTS the motion. Although the State of Washington did not join the stipulation, the  
2 Court concludes that its deadline to respond to Plaintiff's motion, if it chooses to respond, should  
3 also be extended until May 6, 2021. Accordingly, the Court DIRECTS the Clerk to renote  
4 Plaintiff's motion for attorney fees (Dkt. No. 177) for consideration on May 20, 2021.  
5 Defendants must file any responses to Plaintiff's motion no later than May 6, 2021.

6 DATED this 15th day of April 2021.

7 William M. McCool  
8 Clerk of Court

9 s/Paula McNabb  
10 Deputy Clerk