

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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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

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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. 193). Plaintiff and the Federal Defendants<sup>1</sup> request that the Court extend Federal  
21 Defendants' deadline to respond to Plaintiff's motion until July 6, 2021 and Plaintiff's reply  
22 deadline until July 20, 2021 because the parties have signed a settlement agreement that will  
23 resolve the motion provided that Plaintiff receives payment according to the terms of the  
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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 agreement. (*See id.* at 2.) The Court finds good cause and GRANTS the motion. Although the  
2 State of Washington did not join the stipulation, the Court concludes that its deadline to respond  
3 to Plaintiff's motion, if it chooses to respond, should also be extended until July 20, 2021.  
4 Accordingly, the Court DIRECTS the Clerk to renote Plaintiff's motion for attorney fees (Dkt.  
5 No. 177) for consideration on July 20, 2021. Defendants must file any responses to Plaintiff's  
6 motion no later than July 6, 2021.

7 DATED this 6th day of May 2021.

8 William M. McCool  
9 Clerk of Court

10 s/Paula McNabb  
11 Deputy Clerk