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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL
11 ADVOCATES,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, *et al.*,

15 Defendant,

16 STATE OF WASHINGTON

17 Defendant-Intervenor.

CASE NO. C16-1866-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

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

20 This matter comes before the Court on the parties', Washington State Farm Bureau's
21 ("WFB"), and Washington Cattleman's Association's ("WCA") stipulated motion for leave for
22 WFB and WCA to file an *amici curiae* brief on the remedy in this matter (Dkt. No. 98.) District
23 courts have "broad discretion" regarding the appointment of *amici*. *Hoptowit v. Ray*, 682 F.2d
24 1237, 1260 (9th Cir. 1982), *abrogated on other grounds by Sandin v. Conner*, 515 U.S. 472
25 (1995). The Court finds that WFB's and WCA's *amici curiae* brief may be helpful to the Court.
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1 *See Cobell v. Norton*, 246 F. Supp. 2d 59, 62 (D.D.C. 2003). Accordingly, the stipulated motion
2 (Dkt. No. 98) is GRANTED.

3 WFB's and WCA's *amici curiae* brief is due concurrent to Defendant-Intervenor's
4 response/cross-motions to Plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment and is not to exceed
5 15 pages. (*See* Dkt. No. 91.) Plaintiff may file a 7-page response to the *amici curiae* brief, either
6 combined with Plaintiff's response/reply brief in support of Plaintiff's motion for partial
7 summary judgment or separately, in which case Plaintiff's response to the *amici curiae* brief is
8 due concurrent to Plaintiff's response/reply brief.

9 Consistent with their stipulation, WFB and WCA are DIRECTED to withdraw their
10 pending motion for a partial stay pending appeal of the Court's order denying them intervenor
11 status. (*See* Dkt. Nos. 84, 95.)

12 DATED this 25th day of April 2018.

13 William M. McCool
14 Clerk of Court

15 s/Tomas Hernandez
16 Deputy Clerk