

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: <u>United States Fish and Wildlife Service, et al.</u> v. <u>Sierra Club, Inc.</u>, No. 19-547

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was granted on March 2, 2020. This Court previously extended petitioners' time to file their opening brief and the joint appendix to and including May 18, 2020, and the Court extended respondent's time to file its brief to and including July 20, 2020. We respectfully request that petitioners' time to file their opening brief and the joint appendix be further extended to and including Thursday, May 21, 2020. We further request that respondent's time to file its brief be extended to and including Monday, July 27, 2020. Under this Court's rules, petitioners' reply brief would be due 30 days later (or at the time specified in Rule 25.3).

This slight change to the briefing schedule is necessary because, in light of COVID-19, this Office is endeavoring to minimize risks to the health and safety of our personnel responsible for the filing and service of paper copies of Court documents by reducing the number of days each week on which the filing and service of such documents are necessary and on which those personnel must report to work in person.

Counsel for both parties consents to these extensions of time.

Sincerely,

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