

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

UNITED STATES FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE,

Appellant,

v.

SOUTH CAROLINA ADVOCATES
FOR CAPTIVE EXOTICS,

Appellee.

No. 15-70117

BRIEFING ORDER

This matter comes to this Court on the Appellant U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) appeal of the denial of its motion for judgment on the pleadings, entered in the United States District Court for the Western District of California, Case No. 2:15-cv-3768-PMG(LUD), Phoebe M. Garcia, District Judge, Presiding.

Each party is directed to address the following two questions:

1. Did the District Court err in holding that Appellee South Carolina Advocates for Captive Exotics (SCACE) has adequately alleged standing?
2. Did the District Court err in denying the FWS's motion for judgment on the pleadings as to the lawfulness of its denial of SCACE's petition for rulemaking?

The parties' briefs shall be limited to these issues, but the parties are not limited in their briefing to the arguments or authority upon which the District Court relied.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of October, 2015.

Hon. Jane T. Mino
United States Circuit Judge