

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
NORTHERN DIVISION

NO. 2:20-CV-00075-BO

RED WOLF COALITION,)
DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, and)
ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

THE UNITED STATES FISH AND)
WILDLIFE SERVICE; AURELIA)
SKIPWITH, in her official capacity as Director)
of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;)
LEOPOLDO MIRANDA, in his official)
capacity as Regional Director of the United)
States Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast)
Region,)

Defendants.)

**PROPOSED ORDER ON
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Defendants' responses thereto, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED; and it is further

ORDERED that Defendants are enjoined from implementing their policy prohibiting the release of captive red wolves into the Red Wolf Recovery Area;

ORDERED that Defendants shall, within 30 days, present this Court with a plan to complete the following tasks:

- a) with the advice and consent of the Red Wolf Species Survival Program, resume the release of captive red wolves into the Red Wolf Recovery Area by releasing at least

- two pairs of captive red wolves, no later than May 31, 2021, AND release at least four additional captive red wolves, or two pairs, before December 31, 2021; and
- b) each year thereafter until a final order is issued in this matter, release at least four wolves from the captive population into the Red Wolf Recovery Area.

ORDERED that Defendants shall, every six months from the date of this Order until a final decision on the merits is issued in this matter, submit to the Court a status report documenting:

- a) the number of red wolves in the Red Wolf Recovery Area, including pups born in the wild;
- b) the number of red wolves released by USFWS into the Red Wolf Recovery Area and from what source;
- c) the number of red wolf deaths in the Red Wolf Recovery Area and their sources,
- d) the number of coyote sterilizations conducted by USFWS in the Red Wolf Recovery Area;
- e) the number of sterilized placeholder coyotes in the Red Wolf Recovery Area; and
- f) USFWS red wolf adaptive management plans and associated activities in the Red Wolf Recovery Area.

SO ORDERED, this ____ day of December, 2020.

TERRENCE W. BOYLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE