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RE: Withdrawal of Petitions for 14 Southeastern Freshwater Species

Dear Secretary Jewell and others:

On April 20, 2010, the Center for Biological Diversity and allies petitioned for Endangered Species Act protection for 404 aquatic, riparian, and wetland species from the southeastern United States. On September 27, 2011, the Service issued a positive 90-day finding for 374 of the species in the petition (76 FR 59836).

In light of new information we have received on the status of 14 of the petitioned species, we are no longer seeking federal protection for these 14 species and hereby withdraw them from the petition:

Common Name	Latin Name	Group
Altamaha Arcmussel	<i>Alasmidonta arcula</i>	Mussels
Altamaha Shiner	<i>Cyprinella xaenura</i>	Fishes
Ample Elimia	<i>Elimia ampla</i>	Snails
Bluehead Shiner	<i>Pteronotropis hubbsi</i>	Fishes
Caper Elimia	<i>Elimia olivula</i>	Snails
Cobble Elimia	<i>Elimia vanuxemiana</i>	Snails
Compact Elimia	<i>Elimia showalteri</i>	Snails
Helmet Rocksnail	<i>Lithasia duttoniana</i>	Snails
Inflated Floater	<i>Pyganodon gibbosa</i>	Mussels
Mud Elimia	<i>Elimia alabamensis</i>	Snails
New River Crayfish	<i>Cambarus chasmodactylus</i>	Crayfishes
Shortspire Hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera curta</i>	Snails
Smooth Mudalia	<i>Leptoxis virgata</i>	Snails
Warrior Darter	<i>Etheostoma bellator</i>	Fishes

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On behalf of all petitioners,



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