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Dear Ms. Galvin, Mr. Gehan, and Ms. Hawkins:

Thank you for your June 26, 2014, letter addressed to Ms. Tina Campbell, Chief of the Division of Policy and Directives Management, regarding your request to extend the public comment period for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's large constrictor snake proposed rule.

Although we have considered your request, we believe that the additional comment period provide by our notice, 79 Fed. Reg. 35719 (June 24, 2014) is sufficient. The current comment period is restricted to the five remaining species of large constrictor snakes. We have already provided opportunities for the public to submit information and comments for a total of 180 days, and prior comments on the proposed rule are part of the public record and do not need to be resubmitted.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 208-6393 or Mr. Jeffrey Underwood, Deputy Assistant Director for Fish and Aquatic Conservation, at (703) 358-1829.

Sincerely,

Assistant Director,
Fish and Aquatic Conservation