

NO on Adding Five Species of Snake to the Constrictor Rule

**Public Comments Processing
Attn: Docket No. FWS–R9–FHC–2008–0015
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To U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

I oppose the listing of any additional species of constrictor snakes, including Boa constrictor, Reticulated python, DeSchauensee’s anaconda, Green anaconda and Beni anaconda, as injurious under the Lacey Act.

The USGS study used to justify the listing of the original species in 2010 has been noted as “unscientific” and not suitable as the basis for legislative or regulatory policy by numerous biologists, physiologists, veterinarians and biologists.

Reticulated pythons demonstrate that they are especially fragile and temperature sensitive during egg incubation. As a result, there is no chance of these species establishing themselves in the wild and there are no populations in the U.S. Also, It has been determined that Boa constrictors cannot survive the colder temperatures outside of southern Florida.

Extreme southern Florida provides the only possible habitat for the proposed five species and the State wildlife authorities have already taken measures to manage and control trade and prevent accidental introduction. A federal ban on interstate activities is an unnecessarily overreaching and extreme response that impacts the livelihoods and pet choices of Americans in the other 48 continental states.

A huge and diverse group of stakeholders opposes the listing. More out of work Americans, devastated families losing their family pets and children losing educational opportunities will be just some of the damage done by unnecessarily and unconstitutionally listing these species as injurious. I implore you to not add species and finalize the rule with only the original species listed in 2010. I ask this as a tax-paying and law-abiding American citizen.

Sincerely,

Print Name

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