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RE: Withdrawal of Petitions for the Bluestripe Shiner (*Cyprinella callitaenia*) and Broadstripe Shiner (*Pteronotropis euryzonus*)

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 including the bluestripe shiner (*Cyprinella callitaenia*) and broadstripe shiner (*Pteronotropis euryzonus*). On September 27, 2011, the Service issued a positive 90-day finding for 374 of the species in the petition including these two species (76 FR 59836). The bluestripe shiner is a small fish native to Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, and the broadstripe shiner is a small fish native to Alabama and Georgia.

In light of new scientific information on the status of these species that has been generated since the time the petition was filed six years ago, I am writing to withdraw these two species from the petition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On behalf of all petitioners,



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