

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02602-JDB**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE et al  
Assigned to: Judge John D. Bates  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/16/2020  
Date Terminated: 07/21/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/16/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>under the Freedom of Information Act</i> against All Defendants <i>Dept of Commerce and Dept of Agriculture</i> ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC–7597485) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Commerce, # <u>3</u> Summons Agriculture, # <u>4</u> Summons Atty General, # <u>5</u> Summons US Atty, # <u>6</u> Declaration Corporate Disclosure Form)(Snape, William) (Entered: 09/16/2020)
09/16/2020		Case Assigned to Judge John D. Bates. (zsb) (Entered: 09/16/2020)
09/17/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (zmd) (Entered: 09/17/2020)
09/17/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 09/17/2020)
10/06/2020	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Ashley Palomaki on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Palomaki, Ashley) (Entered: 10/06/2020)
10/13/2020	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE served on 10/5/2020; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 10/5/2020 (Palomaki, Ashley) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
10/13/2020	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/13/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/12/2020. (Palomaki, Ashley) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
10/13/2020	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/13/2020. (Palomaki, Ashley) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
11/03/2020	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Name Change by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Bruner, Ashley) (Entered: 11/03/2020)
11/12/2020	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.(Brudy–Everett, Kristin) (Entered: 11/12/2020)
11/13/2020	<u>10</u>	ORDER directing parties to confer and to submit a proposed schedule for the processing and release of responsive records and/or a briefing schedule for the filing of dispositive motions by not later than December 23, 2020. See text of Order for details. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 11/13/20. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 11/13/2020)
11/13/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Schedule due by 12/23/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 11/13/2020)
12/15/2020	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Brudy–Everett, Kristin) (Entered: 12/15/2020)
12/15/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than February 18, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 12/15/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 12/15/2020)

12/16/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/18/2021. (tb) (Entered: 12/16/2020)
02/17/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Brudy–Everett, Kristin) (Entered: 02/17/2021)
02/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than April 19, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 2/18/2021. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 02/18/2021)
02/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/19/2021. (tb) (Entered: 02/19/2021)
04/19/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Brudy–Everett, Kristin) (Entered: 04/19/2021)
04/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than June 18, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 4/20/2021. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 04/20/2021)
04/21/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/18/2021. (jth) (Entered: 04/21/2021)
06/17/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Brudy–Everett, Kristin) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
06/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than July 30, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 6/18/2021. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 06/18/2021)
06/20/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/30/2021. (mac) (Entered: 06/20/2021)
07/01/2021	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Substituting for attorney Kristin Brudy–Everett (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 07/01/2021)
07/19/2021	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 07/19/2021)