

Implementation of May 19, 2015, injunction issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in *United States Association of Reptile Keepers, Inc. v. The Honorable Sally Jewell*

May 29, 2015

1. The injunction goes into effect on June 2, 2015, and applies to FWS's Final Rule issued March 10, 2015, 80 Fed. Reg. 12,702.

2. The injunction is limited to the reticulated python and green anaconda. It does not apply to the Beni or DeSchauensee's anaconda or any of the other injurious large constrictor snake species included in FWS's Final Rule issued January 23, 2012, 77 Fed. Reg. 3,330.

3. The injunction's effect is limited to the named Plaintiffs and persons who were members of USARK as of April 8, 2015. Any person other than a named Plaintiff or member of USARK as of April 8, 2015, remains subject to the restrictions of the 2015 final rule.

4. The injunction prohibits FWS from implementing and enforcing the prohibition on interstate transport of these two species of snakes between States within the continental U.S. (not including the District of Columbia), except for the States of Florida and Texas. Regarding Texas and Florida, the transport from Texas or Florida to another State within the continental U.S. other than Texas or Florida will be allowed, but not transport into Florida or Texas from another State within the continental U.S.

5. Therefore, after June 2, 2015, named Plaintiffs and persons who were USARK members on or before April 8, 2015, cannot be charged for and do not need a Lacey Act permit to transport reticulated pythons or green anacondas between states within the continental United States (not including the District of Columbia) except for transport into Texas or Florida.

6. The injunction does not affect FWS's ability to continue to prohibit import into the United States of the reticulated python or green anaconda or any other injurious constrictor snake. Any such import remains prohibited unless authorized by permit.

7. The injunction does not affect FWS's ability to continue to prohibit transport of the reticulated python or green anaconda between the continental United States and non-continental U.S. States and territories, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, USVI, Guam, the District of Columbia, etc. Any such transport remains prohibited unless authorized by permit.