

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
District of South Carolina

State of South Carolina and South Carolina
Department of Administration,

Plaintiff

v.

Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-3651-BHH

Deb Haaland, in her official capacity as United
States Secretary of the Interior; the United States
Department of the Interior; the United States Fish
and Wildlife Service; Martha Williams, in her
official capacity as Chief of the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service; Mike Oetker, in his official
capacity as Acting Regional Director, Southeast
Region, United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
Cynthia Martinez, in her official capacity as Chief of
the National Wildlife Refuge System; and Sarah
Dawsey, in her official capacity as Manager of the
Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge,

Defendant(s)

and

Defenders of Wildlife and South Carolina Coastal
Conservation League,
Intervenor-Defendants.

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL ACTION

The court has ordered that (check one):

[] the plaintiff (name) recover from the defendant (name) the amount of dollars (\$),
which includes prejudgment interest at the rate of %, plus postjudgment interest at the rate of %, along with
costs.

[] the plaintiff recover nothing, the action be dismissed on the merits, and the defendant (name)
recover costs from the plaintiff (name).

[] other: The Court finds that it lacks jurisdiction to consider the State's claims due to lack of ripeness.
Alternatively, to the extent the State's claims are ripe, the Court finds them subject to dismissal for failure to state a
claim upon which relief can be granted. Accordingly, the Court hereby grants Intervenor-Defendants' motion to dismiss
pursuant to Rules 12(b)(1) and (6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (ECF No. 17). IT IS SO ORDERED.

This action was (check one):

[] tried by a jury, the Honorable presiding, and the jury has rendered a verdict.

[] tried by the Honorable presiding, without a jury and the above decision was reached.

■ decided by the Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks, United States District Judge, presiding.

Date: September 18, 2024

ROBIN L. BLUME, CLERK OF COURT

s/R. Heinen

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk