

## *Advocacy Comments on the Revised Critical Habitat for the Riverside Fairy Shrimp*

On July 25, 2011 the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed public comments with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regarding its Revised Critical Habitat for the Riverside Fairy Shrimp. A copy of Advocacy's comments may be viewed at [www.sba.gov/advocacy](http://www.sba.gov/advocacy).

- On June 1, 2011, FWS published a proposed rule designating revised critical habitat for the Riverside Fairy Shrimp. Currently 306 acres has been designated as critical habitat in Ventura, Oranges and San Diego Counties, California. FWS proposes to designate 2,984 acres in Ventura, Riverside, Orange and San Diego counties, California as critical habitat.
- Advocacy is concerned that FWS has not published an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis nor certified that the proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. As a result of this failure, Advocacy believes that FWS has not complied with its obligations as required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act.
- Advocacy strongly urges FWS to publish an IRFA or certification and allow sufficient time for public comment on such IRFA or certification.

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