

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CIVIL MINUTES

Date: January 6, 2016	Time: 24 minutes 2:30 p.m. to 2:54 p.m.	Judge: WILLIAM H. ORRICK
Case No.: 15-cv-04324-WHO	Case Name: Naruto v. Slater	

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Deputy Clerk: Jean Davis

Court Reporter: FTR Recording

PROCEEDINGS

The Court announces the tentative opinion, in line with the Ninth Circuit's opinion in *Cetacean Community v Bush*, that while Congress and the President can extend the protection of law to animals as well as humans, there is no indication that they did so in the Copyright Act. The Copyright Office's Compendium is consistent with the Court's understanding. Oral argument heard concerning the motion to dismiss. Motion taken under submission; written order to follow.