

## **Advocacy Comments on the Designation of Revised Critical Habitat For the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher**

On October 11, 2011 the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed public comments with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in response to the Designation of Revised Critical Habitat for the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. A copy of Advocacy's comments may be viewed at [www.sba.gov/advocacy](http://www.sba.gov/advocacy).

- On August 15, 2011, FWS published a proposed rule to designate critical habitat for the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. FWS is proposing to designate approximately 3,364 stream kilometers as critical habitat in California, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.
- Advocacy has submitted comments reflecting its concern that FWS has not complied with its obligations under the Regulatory Flexibility Act by publishing an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis or certifying that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

For more information, visit Advocacy's website at <http://www.sba.gov/advo> or contact Kia Dennis at 202-205-6936.