

# Athugasemdir og umsagnir við frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum – 99. mál á 154. löggjafarþingi.

Málið var sent út til umsagnar 9. október, frestur til 23. október 2023

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*Eftirfarandi 216 tölvupóstar með athugasemdum eða umsögnum voru móttæknir þann 21. október 2023*

*Fjarlægðar voru tengiliðaupplýsingar og hlekkir.*

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mairead Quinn**

Fwd: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

----- Forwarded message -----

Dear Icelandic Government,

Please pass the bill to stop whaling, requested by Mairead Quinn on 22nd October 2023!!

Stop the brutality of killing these beautiful majestic mammals and allow them to be free and live their lives without fear in freedom...

We do not allow senseless killing or murder in our communities and they are part of our world community.

Please stop this and pass the bill, show the world you are not afraid of change and stand up for the rights of others.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Mairead Quinn

22nd October 2023



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Annemarie Blank**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

My name is Annemarie Blank. I am writting this Email on the 22nd of October 2023.

Please pass the bill to stop whaling!

The way whales are hunted and their families slaughtered is absolutely cruel for these majestic animals. Whales are very important to marine ecosystems and the oceans health. Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

Please pass the bill to stop whaling!!!

Greetings,

Annemarie Blank

22nd of October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elizabeth Kennedy**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Government of Iceland

I implore you to ban whaling once and for all, and repeal Kristan Loftsson's permit to continue hunting fin whales.

As well as this being both barbaric and unnecessary, whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Kennedy

Brisbane, Australia

22nd October 2023

21. október 2023

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Kind regards

Mairead Quinn

22nd October 2023



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Prisca Stavro-Beauchamp**

Urgent Appeal to Ban Whaling in Iceland

To the Esteemed Members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I am writing to you as a concerned global citizen to express my strong support for the initiative to ban whaling in Iceland. As you consider this important decision that not only impacts your nation but also our shared planet, I urge you to take a stand against whaling for the sake of marine conservation, ethical responsibility, and the global community's efforts to protect our oceans.

Whales, as magnificent and intelligent creatures, play an integral role in maintaining the balance of our fragile marine ecosystems. Their conservation is not just an ecological imperative but a moral one as well. Whales are highly sentient beings, and the practice of whaling involves immense suffering and brutality. Banning whaling in Iceland would reflect a progressive and compassionate stance, aligned with the international community's growing awareness of animal welfare.

Moreover, Iceland is renowned for its stunning natural landscapes, diverse marine life, and a unique culture that values the environment. By banning whaling, Iceland would further enhance its reputation as a responsible steward of the environment and a global leader in eco-tourism, ultimately benefiting its economy and preserving its rich heritage for future generations.

Iceland's whaling industry is relatively small in scale, and ending it would not have a significant economic impact. In fact, many countries have transitioned to sustainable and profitable whale watching industries, attracting tourists from around the world who want to see these majestic creatures in their natural habitat. Embracing such an alternative is not just ethically sound but economically viable as well.

The world is shifting towards greater awareness and action in favor of environmental conservation, and Iceland has an opportunity to be a part of this positive change. By joining the growing list of countries that have banned whaling, you will be contributing to the broader mission of protecting our oceans and the creatures that inhabit them.

I implore you to consider the moral and ecological significance of this decision, and to stand on the right side of history by banning whaling in Iceland. I hope that you will make the choice that reflects the values of compassion, sustainability, and responsibility that we should all aspire to.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter, and I look forward to hearing about Iceland's commitment to the protection of our oceans and their inhabitants.

Sincerely, Prisca Stavro-Beauchamp

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Althea de Ste Croix**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

To the Parliament of Iceland,

I write to you on a subject which is very important to me, and to many people around the world.

This is the subject of the whaling license, granted by your nation to Kristjan Loftsson for the hunting of Fin whales.

This licence **MUST NOT** be renewed, and further to this, Iceland must ban whaling permanently.

Whales are not farm animals. They are not bred and cared for by humans for our consumption. They are therefore not the property of any corporation or nation. And Loftsson and Iceland has no right to be profiting from their deaths.

Whales are huge animals, and there is no humane way to kill them quickly. This has been proven by Loftsson's team over the last hunting season in which we witnessed animals suffering for up to 2 hours before dying.

In a modern world where there is much legislation covering the humane treatment and slaughter of domesticated animals, it is unconscionable that Loftsson is permitted by law and by your nation to cause such suffering.

In addition to the concerns above, I would also like to add that there is also no reliable method to determine if a Fin whale is pregnant or lactating. This has resulted in the

harrowing footage this year of a near full term 4m long baby being pulled from its dead mother's womb during her dismemberment.

The lives of two endangered animals ended in a single moment. And for what? To provide meat which is so highly polluted that it is unfit for human consumption? To provide meat which your nation no longer has the appetite to consume?

This shameful and needless killing must stop, and you are the only people in the world with the power to make that change. Please, I beg you, from my heart and from the hearts of all those who are too nervous to write, or too jaded by the failed promises of politicians in their own nations, and from those who have lost all faith in humanity to change. Please, make that change. Send a message to us and all the people of world that change is possible. That there is hope for humanity.

Please end whaling now and forever.

Sending love

Althea



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Silas Kintrup**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my full support for the current proposed law to end whale hunting. Whale hunting is an extremely controversial practice that, in my opinion, should be terminated for several strong reasons.

Firstly, whale hunting is ecologically highly concerning. Whales play a crucial role in marine ecosystems by regulating food webs in the oceans. Protecting them is essential for maintaining the health of our seas.

Secondly, many whale species are endangered or critically threatened. Hunting these delicate creatures significantly contributes to the decimation of their populations, jeopardizing the balance of nature.

Thirdly, whale hunting leads to significant animal suffering. The animals are often killed in a cruel and inhumane manner, which contradicts principles of animal welfare and ethics.

The current proposed law to end whale hunting is a crucial step in the right direction. It demonstrates that society is becoming aware of the importance of protecting these majestic creatures. I commend the efforts to ban whale hunting and sincerely hope that this law is passed to safeguard whales and preserve our oceans.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Silas Kintrup

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Viridiana Barrón**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

PLEASE ban whaling! It is barbaric, useless, not necessary and beyond cruel.

Evolve and let animals live peacefully. Remember they are here with us not for us to use in any way.

All living species deserve and have the right to live in their habitats without intrusion.

Sincerely,

Viry Barrón

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vojtěch Kašpárek**

Vojtěch Kašpárek, 22.10.2023

Það er rangt að veiða hvali, þeir eru gáfuð dýr og ætti ekki að veiða. Vinsamlegast hættu hvalveiðum.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **De Oliveira, Nilto**

Stop killing whales

Definitely an absurd and an embarrassment for such a great country.

I travel all over the world, this is the reason I am not interested to visit Iceland as a tourist.

If you ban whale hunting, your tourism industry will expand significantly!

Nilto de Oliveira

Milwaukee

Wisconsin

USA

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kirsten Cao**

Bill

Oi c\*unts, stop whaling please

An email to support the bill to stop whaling :)

Thank you all the way from Australia - date 22 October 2023

From Kirsten Cao

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Teagan Downer**

Whaling Poll

Hi,

PLEASE stop whaling while you can, whales are essential to our oceans and their biodiversity and health is necessary for almost all life on earth! THANK YOU!!

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **David Baytelman**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello

My name is David Baytelman I strongly support this bill because whale hunting is damaging the ecosystem and:

Articles 1 and 2 put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether the act of whaling is banned.

Articles 3 and 4 implement a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products through the Wild Animals Act.

Articles 5 and 7 are simple results of the protection given to whales in the previous articles, striking out legislation that won't be needed once whaling is banned (including the Whaling Act of 1949).

Following the legal part, the text goes on to describe some of the main arguments for a ban on whaling:

Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act

Majority of the public is against whaling

Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture

Economic and business relations are in danger

Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

Thanks for reading this email on the day 22 of October of 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Camilla Marras**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Camilla Marras 22.02.23

Ensuring the well-being of large whales during hunting is an impractical undertaking.

-Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.

-Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.

-Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.

-The majority of Icelanders are not in favor of continuing whaling.

-Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **therese burchianti**

End Whaling

To Whom it May Concern;

I'm writing to express my interest in ending whaling forever.

Iceland has one of the last whaling stations and it needs to be closed. Please support the health of the ocean by ending the horrific killing of whales!

Thank you,

Thérèse Burchianti

October 20, 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mélissa Kadir**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good evening,

I would like to ask the committee to pass the bill against whaling in order to protect whales. Please this is about our planet, our future. Thank you.

Kadir Mélissa

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Callum Brunskill**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Dear sir or madam,

I am deeply concerned that barbaric whaling practices are still taking place in Iceland. It is cruel and illustrates the worst of humanity. I want to live in a world where kindness is more important than keeping up with unjustifiable traditions, and I hope you take the time to think about the kind of practices you want to be supporting.

Please end this vile practice and be on the right side of history.

Callum Brunskill

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Michelle May**

Re: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Michelle May 21.10.23

> On 21 Oct 2023, at 23:29, Michelle May

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> Please you have the power to make it stop , together we can stop one man. We must change how we treat the ocean and the animals that live there , have you seen Seaspiracy?

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Michelle May**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please you have the power to make it stop , together we can stop one man. We must change how we treat the ocean and the animals that live there , have you seen Seaspiracy?



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vivian**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Vivian Piccolo 22/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lindy K Silva**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern, please, pass the bill and end whaling once and for all. For whales, for our home Earth and the next generations' sake.

Kind regards,

Lindsay Korth

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vitória Magalhães**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

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I ask from the bottom of my heart to help stopping the whaling. It's time to take care and preserve of this animal as the bill says. Please, I ask the committee to kindly pass the referred bill.

Vitória Cristina Martos Pereira de Magalhães

Brazil, October 21st 2023



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Muskan Mathur**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum 🥺

Hello,

The bill to ban whaling and protect whales (link in Icelandic) went through its first reading 20 September 2023 and has been referred to the Industrial Affairs Committee, which is now gathering views on it until 24 October 2023.

Anyone can submit an official written comment on the contents of the bill, they range from being very simple shows of support to being very detailed accounts of how the bill can be improved and I want to say that WE NEED TO END WHALING RN LOOKING AT THE DISASTERS HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD ECOLOGICALLY AND OTHERWISE.

The content of the bill, if I have to remind you:

Articles 1 and 2 put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether the act of whaling is banned.

Articles 3 and 4 implement a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products through the Wild Animals Act.

Articles 5 and 7 are simple results of the protection given to whales in the previous articles, striking out legislation that won't be needed once whaling is banned

(including the Whaling Act of 1949).

Some important things to remember:

- Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act
- Majority of the public is against whaling
- Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture
- Economic and business relations are in danger
- Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen
- Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

Please stop this insanity and stop killing these beautiful animals 🥹🥹🥹🥹

With love and a lot of grief,

Muskan Mathur

22/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lila Nieto**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To the Icelandic Parliament,

My name is Rosalía Nieto, and I am writing this email to express my support on a full permanent ban on whaling.

Thank you,

Rosalía Nieto

Mexico

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Imperial Heating**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Whaling has to stop these are beautiful creatures that need to be protected. We need unite to stop this practice of killing whales. Please help us help the whales end whaling immediately.

Sincerely

Seyam Marianayagam

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Nando Ebnet**

Please stop whaling!

Dear sir or madam,

I am Nando Ebnet from Germany and today is the 22nd of October 2023.

Please stop whaling in Iceland. You have these beautiful animals that are so important for a healthy ecosystem. I would visit Iceland to go on a whale watching trip. But it's horrible that on the other side whales get slaughtered with harpoons and die very slowly.

It would be so great to hear that Iceland bans whaling.

Thank you very much and kind regards,

Nando Ebnet

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tadhg O Brien**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hi there,

My name is Tadhg O Brien. It's currently the 21st of October 2023, and I'm writing to you in a plead to stop whaling for good as part of The Bill To Ban Whaling and Protect Whales.

We do not need to kill and eat these sensitive whales.

We are reducing their numbers drastically and the need for whale meat is minimal.

I beg you, as a citizen of this world, to stop whaling and leave these beautiful creatures live freely.

The tourism industry is based around these creatures which can bring in more money and is a much more sustainable approach to co-exist with them.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Tadhg

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **vintagetony Tony-K**

Stop whaling!!

Good evening,

My name is Maria Antonina Gavrilas.

I live in the UK and I actually visited Reykjavik this year, in January.

I massively support ending whaling, which is a pointless slaughter of sea life and I see it as being beyond cruel towards innocent creatures!

Kind regards,

Maria Antonina Gavrilas

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Annika Fritsch**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Parliament of Iceland,

my Name is Annika Fritsch and today on the 21.10.2023 I ask you to put a complete stop to whaling in Iceland, and to cancel Kristjan Loftsson's permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

Annika Fritsch



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marissa Johnson**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

My name is Marissa Johnson and the date is 10/21/2023. I am sending you an email to start the whaling ban. Killing whales when and while their species is dying is inhumane and cruel. This Whaling Ban and whale protection plan should be passed immediately!

Thank you.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mary Faires**

BAN WHALING

Dear Sirs;

Please practice due diligence in putting an end to the senseless murder of these beautiful mammals. You are a mammal; you love your children and family? So do they. You feel pain? So do they. You want to live? So do they.

I am no one. I am one person sitting here in California. Helpless, unable to do anything but plead with you to once and for all ban whaling. PLEASE. I'd like my grandkids to know what a 'whale' is.

PLEASE.

Mary Faires

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Emma Chia**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

From : Emma Robertson Chia

Date 22.10.23

Stop the barbaric killing of whales! They are a vital part of the natural eco system and during this climate breakdown we must treasure and nurture every last creature.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **MELISSA DIBBS**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 21, 2023

Hi,

My name is Melissa Dibbs and I am writing to you to show my support in favor of banning whaling. There is no need to continue this barbarism.

Thank you.

Best,

Melissa

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Philip Michl**

"Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum."

Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to bring to your attention my deep concerns regarding the ongoing practice of whaling in Iceland. Whales are extraordinary marine beings, vital to our oceans' ecosystems, and should be safeguarded globally. Whaling has, in the past, had detrimental effects on whale populations and has raised ethical and ecological concerns. There is mounting evidence highlighting these issues. I respectfully urge you to consider discontinuing whaling in Iceland and actively participating in the protection of whales and our oceans. The global community, along with numerous individuals worldwide, highly values the conservation of marine life and its habitats. There are sustainable, environmentally friendly alternatives to whaling that can both support the economic interests of the region and preserve marine biodiversity. I hope that Iceland will take the opportunity to be at the forefront of marine conservation efforts. Thank you for your attention, and I sincerely request immediate action to cease whaling in Iceland.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Michl

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **b4bs**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum."

Dear Icelandic Parliament

I am writing to support the bill to end whaling in Iceland. Whales are intelligent, sentient beings who are in decline. Humans have no right to take their lives. To hunt them is not only incredibly cruel but so, so wrong.

The images of Fin whale babies being ripped from their long suffering dead mother's wombs will haunt me forever.

Please end whaling. Here are some reasons:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

I will also visit Iceland once whaling stops. I have not been since whaling began again in 2003.

Yours faithfully

Barbara Pinkham

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lucie Jírová**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Góðan daginn,

I'm writing you because I think it's important to stop whaling in Iceland. I live in Iceland and it's really frustrating to see what country in which I live doing to animals. Majority of the public is against whaling. Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture. Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

Please stop killing whales.

Today's society doesn't need to kill these beautiful creatures.

A total ban on whaling is the way of the heart and mind.

With hope for a better, more peaceful and kinder future for whales

Lucie Jírová

21.10.2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **lena pozdnyakova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear legislators,

As a resident of the EU, I would like to express my request to consider the following regarding the legislation on putting ban on whaling: Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you,

Kindly,

Yelena Pozdnyakova

Country of residency: Germany,

Registration: Berlin



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Theo Lecarpentier**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

Me, Theo Lecarpentier writing on the 21 October 2023 to you because I urge you to end whaling in Iceland (and of course it should end everywhere around the world).

We need to protect the wales and stop hunting them.

Regards

Theo Lecarpentier

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Brigitte Graf**

Umsögn við 99.mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern,

20.10.2023

My name is Gabriele Meyer from Germany.

I support the bill to end commercial whaling in Iceland

here are the reasons.....

- it is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large animals
- Whales are very important to the marine ecosystem
- Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- The majority of the Iceland public do not support whaling continuing
- Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Please keep the whales protected !

Sincerely

Gabriele Meyer

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Brigitte Graf**

Umsögn vio 99.mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum lögum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

To whom it may concerns,

20.10.2023

My name is Brigitte Graf from Germany.

I support the bill that proposes making whaling illegal.

Please stop whaling / killing whales

here are the reasons.....

- it is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large animals
- Whales are very important to the marine ecosystem
- Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- Whaling in iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- The majority of the Iceland public do not support whaling continuing
- Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

those are just a few reasons.....please keep the whales protected.....

Sincerely

Brigitte Graf

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **steve foreman**

PLEASE END WHALING

Sara Foreman 22/10/2024

Please end whaling it's barbaric behaviour.

You must think of the ocean wildlife and our planet, it's dying !

Thanks

Sara

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Debbie Carlson**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please stop the killing of these beautiful majestic creatures. It's time. Thank you 🙏

Debbie Carlson, 10/21/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **KANAKO**

Umsogn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Please, stop whaling in Iceland 🙏

21/10/23

Vania Venuti

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rosie Nicholas**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

To whom it concerns,

I, Rosie Nicholas, am writing to you on this day 21st October, to urge you to ban whaling!!!

The bill

The bill to ban whaling and protect whales (link in Icelandic) <<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.althingi.is/thingstorf/thingmalalistar-efir-thingum/ferill/154/99/?ltg%253D154%2526mnr%253D99%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;source%3Deditors%26amp;ust%3D1697923481556853%26amp;usg%3DAOvVaw2PsDcRNtTzYpwvsrU5v8Cs&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1697923481568328&usg=AOvVaw3MeNjx7xGOSwypM2cfZEyH>> went through its first reading 20

September 2023 and has been referred to the Industrial Affairs Committee, which is now

gathering views on it until 24 October 2023.

Anyone can submit an official written comment on the contents of the bill, they range from

being very simple shows of support to being very detailed accounts of how the bill can be

improved. Since the main goal is to get members to read the comments, it's always best to

keep them clear and concise.

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Celeste Messina**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please please stop this barbaric practice. If whaling is a part of the culture then why isn't it being practiced the way ancestors did it 100s of years ago? Going out with these automatic harpoons and tracking equipment is not following culture. I don't think whaling is even part of Icelandic culture. Please protect these beautiful endangered creatures.

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Frá/from: **Jemma**

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Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species. Please make whaling illegal.

Jemma Bowles, UK

Sent 21/10/23

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **María Almaguer**

IM AGAINST WHALING TOO

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elaine Roden**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please stop and ban whaling!

Thank you,

Ela Rod

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marie Lindblom**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please, end whaling.

Best regards,

Marie Lindblom, 21 October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anne Werther**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern,

Please end whaling once and for all and save what is left of our planet.

Thank you

Anne Werther

21/10/2023



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **michelle coyle**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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END WHALING ICELAND - DO THE RIGHT THING.

Thanks

Michelle Coyle

22 October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **gabyaldave**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

October 21st, 2023

Hello,

I hope this email find you well. My name is Gabriela Aldave Jordan, and I am a geologist residing in the U.S.

I am writing this email with the solely purpose to ask you to please ban whaling for once and for all and to express my support to the contents of this bill and the preservation of marine life.

Iceland is such a magnificent country and it's so lucky to host such a biodiversity of land and marine life. It is in your hands to protect this for future generations and for the rest of humanity. Many whale species are in the brink of extinction around the world. As a scientist, it my duty to bring awareness about the delicacy of this problem. Whaling is no longer a trade that is accepted worldwide and the Icelandic economy will be affected in the long run if such practices are still permitted. This practice will bring more harm than benefits for everyone in the long run. We are in a time where is imperative to consider the actions that we take and how these will affect the future of this world and humanity. Please be the leaders that this world needs and lead with example by banning this horrific practice.

I am sure that my words and many others will be able to help you make the right decision.

The world is in your hands.

With hope,

Gabriela Aldave Jordan

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Louis van Schalkwyk**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Members of the Icelandic Parliament

I, Louis van Schalkwyk on this day of 22 October 2023, hereby urge you to please pass the bill to ban whaling forever and to protect these animals.

It is our responsibility to look after these animals and to protect them for our future generations. One day when your children ask 'What did you do to protect these animals?' what will YOUR answer be?

Thank you and I trust that you will do the right thing.

Regards

Louis van Schalkwyk

Citizen of South Africa

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tommy Sela**

Please ban whale fishing

Dear Honorable Members of the Althingi,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing as a concerned global citizen in response to the public consultation process regarding the current bill on whale fishing in Icelandic waters. It is with a sense of urgency and responsibility that I appeal to your esteemed selves to enact legislation banning all forms of whaling in Iceland. This decisive action would not only reinforce Iceland's commitment to marine conservation but also position our nation as a leader in global environmental stewardship.

1. **Ecological Impact:** Whales are integral to the health of marine ecosystems. They contribute to the balance by ensuring certain species do not overpopulate and, remarkably, their excretions provide essential nutrients that promote the growth of phytoplankton, essential for carbon absorption. By hunting whales, we risk the collapse of marine ecosystems, affecting all species within these networks, including many vital to Icelandic fisheries.

2. **Endangered Species:** Despite strict regulations, the potential for illegal practices and bycatch exists, endangering already threatened whale species. Each whale species plays a unique ecological role, and the loss of any could have irrevocable effects on marine biodiversity.

3. **Economic Considerations:** Globally, there is a declining demand for whale products, rendering the industry less economically viable. Alternatively, whale watching has emerged as a sustainable and profitable industry, contributing immensely to the local economy and creating numerous jobs, without harming these magnificent creatures.

4. **International Standing:** Continuing whaling activities places Iceland in opposition to a growing international consensus. A formal ban aligns us with global partners and opens doors for international accolades and potential partnerships in conservation efforts, which could include substantial funding for marine research and eco-tourism.

5. **Ethical Responsibility:** We must acknowledge the growing ethical considerations regarding the treatment of sentient creatures. Whales are highly intelligent, with complex social structures, and they experience suffering. Our evolution as a society is mirrored in how we treat the voiceless and vulnerable.

By outlawing whaling, Iceland will stand as a beacon of hope and moral responsibility. It will illustrate our commitment not only to the inhabitants of our oceans but also to the collaborative management and preservation of our planet for future generations. The world is moving towards a more empathetic, responsible, and sustainable way of living with our environment, and it is imperative that Iceland moves in harmony with this tide.

Thank you for considering my submission. I trust that the combined voices of both the Icelandic people and the international community will guide you to make a decision that future generations will look back on with pride.

Respectfully,

Tommy Meyer

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Julio Ernesto Cedillos**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name is Julio Ernesto Cedillos Arana and I am writing this email on October 21, 2023 to state that I am in favor of banning whaling and protect the wales as whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate

the production of oxygen, and Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species, and serve as an example to the rest of the world on how we have to protect the marine ecosystem.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Eva Zimmerman**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banss við hvaleidum.

I absolutely urge all countries who still participate in the practice of whaling to immediately stop!! Whales are crucial to the oceans ecosystem and therefore crucial to us as human beings!

Whaling needs to end and I strongly urge the Icelandic government to ban whaling once and for all!

It is not a good reflection of your beautiful country and I will not visit Iceland anymore until this ban is in effect.

Eva Zimmermann

Canada



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Flora Richard**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

From : Flora RICHARD

Date : October 21st 2023

Please support the bill to end whaling in Iceland! Please please please do it for all our children 🙏🙏🙏

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Julie M. Young**

Please....

...ban whaling in Iceland. Be heroes to your country and the world. Lead the way by taking a stand on a subject you know has merit and serious environmental consequences. YOU can make a difference!

Thank you.

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Melissa Guimarães**

SAVE THE WHALES

The whole world has already realized that the only way to balance the ecosystem is through a sustainable economy. Killing whales, especially for their meat, is far from being an economically sustainable practice. Now, Iceland has the best opportunity to change history and make better choices towards a balanced environment. Ocean health is directly associated with global climate balance according to several studies. Change only happens when different attitudes are taken. Now, Iceland has the great opportunity to change its history regarding ocean and environment preservation.

Melissa Guimarães ir Brazil

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **chris marcus**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Hi there

I am emailing in support of passing the anti-whaling law. It is sad to see such cruelty to these intelligent and family orientated animals.

I understand whaling is a tradition in Iceland but many other barbaric traditions throughout the world have been left in the past and I hope this one is too.

Thanks

Christopher Marcus 21.10.23

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tomer Sela**

BAN WHALE FISHING

Please BAN whale finishing. It doesn't help the world, then it hurts the world.

Do your part to help your world.

Tomer Sela

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Skjoni**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytinguá ymsum lögum vegna banns vid hvalveidum.

Góðan daginn!

My unwavering support for this bill to ban whaling in Iceland stems from a deep-seated belief in the compelling reasons behind it. This isn't just about saving the whales, it's about safeguarding the very fabric of our oceans and the world as we know it.

First and foremost, banning whaling is an imperative step in preserving marine biodiversity. Whales play a pivotal role in maintaining the health and balance of our oceans. They are keystone species, impacting the entire ecosystem. By protecting them, we safeguard countless other marine species and ensure the sustainability of our seas for generations to come.

Moreover, this bill is a resounding affirmation of our moral responsibility. It's a statement to the world that Iceland recognizes the intrinsic value of these magnificent creatures. It's a declaration that we will not let profit overshadow the reverence we should hold for life in all its forms. Whales are not merely commodities, they are sentient beings deserving of our respect and protection. By supporting this bill, we're not just making a change within our own borders, we're setting an example for the world to follow. We're telling the global community that Iceland is committed to environmental stewardship, that we're ready to lead in marine conservation. We're sending a powerful message that whaling should be relegated to the history books, and that we're dedicated to creating a future where our oceans teem with life, not harpoons.

Let's ban whaling in Iceland not only for the sake of the whales but for the sake of our own humanity and the planet we call home.

Viktoria Floresku.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mario Mencos**

END WHALING!

Is atrocious and inhumane. Such a beautiful country should not be tied to such horrifying practices. End Whaling.

Mario Mencos

10/21/23

Miami, Fl

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Willow and sage**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Hello

Please can you pass the bill on ending whaling once and for all.

I am truly heartbroken seeing the videos of what happens to these innocent whales. It truly angers me and I want to help end whaling for good.

Let's put an end to this and make things right for our future.

Thank you

Stacey Marcus

21st October 2023



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Melanie Wolfart**

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Please put a stop to Whaling and protect our oceans!

Melanie Wolfart

21 October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Richard**

Save those beautiful Wales

Please do not harm these magnificent creatures. Do you have no empathy

dont be evil

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: sara millar

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Date : 21st October 2023

Good evening, my name is Sara

I am writing you this email in order to ban whaling once and for all.

I am utterly ashamed and outraged that whaling still goes on to this day, it is not ethical or sustainable. It needs to be put to an end once and for all.

These innocent whales are killed and suffer minutes upon minutes by the hands of men. This is not quick and painless, these animals truly suffer. There is no need for whaling to be happening, it's just for greed and power.

Please end whaling forever.

This would truly mean a lot to me.

SAVE THE WHALES

Many thanks

Sara

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kasia Arent**

Support of the Anti-Whaling Bill in Iceland

Oct 21, 2023

To Whom it may Concern,

Please pass the anti whaling bill. It is not possible to maintain animal welfare ,while slaughtering the whales. These whales are incredibly important to the marine ecosystem. Estimates state that these whales extract as much as 400,000 tonnes of carbon from the air each year!

The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling and it is not part of the cultural heritage of Icelanders. To allow the killing of these highly majestic and intelligent beings, just so that one wealthy man can prosper off their deaths is not ethical.

It negatively affects the economy in Iceland where people like myself will not support and travel to places like Iceland that slaughter these whales. If you pass the anti-whaling bill, the whale watching industry will bring so much growth to your economy. There is no greater beauty than seeing the magic and beauty that is nature.

Kind regards,

Kasia Arent

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **sara millar**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Good evening,

I am writing to you from Northern Ireland in order to help ban whaling for good.

It's such a shame and disgusting that whaling still goes on in your country.

Whales should not be hunted and killed for their meat, it's cruel and they suffer so much pain, unborn calves cut out of their mothers when they should be the future of our planet.

Simply hunting and killing whales and eating their meat is honestly horrendous, it should not be done.

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Whales are needed in their natural habitat for the ocean and for our planet.

I really hope this is stopped once and for all.

I have always wanted to visit Iceland but since whaling still goes on, I do not attend on visiting any time soon.

Please end whaling for good. These animals have suffered enough at the hands of humans.

Many thanks

Sara

21st October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Franziska Schulze**

Umsögn við 9. mál, frumvarp tilaga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

21.10.2023

Franziska Schulze

Dear politicians, head of ireland!

I have a deep wish to a country that is worldwide known for its brilliant nature!

Please do not let anyone pour blood over this wonderful picture!

This intelligent creature dare not fall victim to this monstrous hunt sports, ruthless killing machines anymore.

I was shocked how long the whalers let these animals suffer. Trying to escape and nothing to hide! They even killed a mother with unborn child, what a shame!

I consider whaling to be disrespectful to God's creation as such!

Its please immediately to stop, and to ban forever!

©

I offer to bring your decision to the whales and communicate their answer. I am professional telepathic animal communicator ,and it was an honour to me to let the magnificent cetacians know they are save from now on!

Please let me do this!

Go raibh míle maith agat! 🐳🌊🐳

Dia dhuit! 🐳🌊

Franziska Schulze

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Charlotte Burgess-Steele**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern,

There are parties in Iceland that believe in 'Environmental Protection' but I'm not sure how that is enabled when Whales are hunted or in my view, murdered.

Your people are not eating them, nor using any part of the animal. In fact the Icelandic populous gain nothing good from this at all. In fact, it's ironic that you can visit Iceland to go Whale watching, whilst others are hunted at the same time. It's two very opposing sides of the same place and something which should end as soon as possible.

Am I right that the Whale meat is being sold to Japan to go in vending machines or to feed their pets? Quite frankly it is despicable that you would allow an endangered species to be put on the path of extinction for that! The main reason for how despicable this act has been, is because it has been purely for monetary greed. There is surely a better way to generate trade for your country?

I don't know if you are aware that Whales are not fish, they are mammals. Similar to me or you. Potentially, no, likely more intelligent. Why are you allowing them to be submitted to this horror? Icelandic Animal Welfare Legislation requires the death of a Fin Whale to take less than 60 seconds to be classed as 'instant'. There are no Whale deaths that are this quick or instantaneous.

There were Whale's killed during this season who required two harpoons to die. Hvalur showed that the quickest time they could reload and fire is 128 seconds, therefore, by default these murders were not humane, nor instant according to your own countries rules.



The true horror I witnessed was a calf being cut out of its mothers stomach, that female had carried her baby for months for them both to die in the most abhorrent circumstance. I would like to ask how you imagine this species are supposed to survive endangerment when you kill pregnant mothers? How do we ensure the survival of any endangered species when we allow this to happen? The logic here is none existent.

Sometimes, we must choose between what is right and what is easy, and it is very evident the the easy road has been taken. I implore you to do the right thing and ban whaling for good.

Don't allow your countries legacy to be the extinction and further endangerment of these beautiful creatures.

Regards,

Charlotte Burgess-Bate

UK Liberal Democrat Member

21. október 2023

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Sara

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ben Linney**

repeal Kristjan Loftsson's permit

Iceland should ban whaling once and for all, and repeal Kristjan Loftsson's permit

Best Wishes

Ben Linney

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rachel**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

October 21, 2023

Please end whaling.

I no longer consume seafood from Iceland and will continue not to purchase it until there is a full baby in whaling with consequences if violated.

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Rachel Gallant

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Leonardo Polesani**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Hi,

I hereby demand to ban whale hunting. Fin whales are listed as vulnerable under IUCN and we all should protect what is precious in our world.

Thanks,

Leonardo Polesani

2023/10/21

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tera Brooks**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

There is no room in the 21st century for whaling. Please reconsider staining your history further with the blood of cetaceans. I have always been proud of my Norwegian heritage and hoped to one day see the land the my great grandparents traversed. If whaling continues in Norway I will add it to the list of countries I refuse to support, such as the Faroe Islands. I have changed all aspects of my diet and daily routine to not support such countries that have no respect for life (American factory farming included). I know that I am only one person and my impact is minimal to you, who cares about one American. I truly wish I had the power to make a change like you do right now, climate crisis keeps me awake some nights and as much as I compost, cut out animal meat/ products from my diet, and support local businesses- the impact feels unnoticeable. This is an opportunity to reverse what we have done to the world and I urge you to think about your impact on our children's lives. I want them to grow up with an ocean.

Thank you so much for your time

Tera Brooks

21. október 2023

**Frá/from: Jessica Smith**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Whales are not only endangered but majestic mammals that should be preserved. Please do not renew Kristjan Loftsson's license.

Thank you, Jessica Smith



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Chris Kinsey**

Review of the 99. case, bill to amend various laws due to the ban on whaling.

Review of the 99. case, bill to amend various laws due to the ban on whaling.

Dear Sir / Madam

I strongly support the bill to ban whale hunting in Iceland.

I believe whale hunting has a detrimental effect on Iceland's tourism industry because many potential travellers refuse to visit Iceland due to its whale hunting. People like myself will wish to visit Iceland once this barbaric practice has stopped which will have a considerable boost to the Icelandic economy.

Also, our natural world now needs all the help it can get and the success of this bill can only produce good for nature.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views on this important matter.

Chris Kinsey

Sunday 21 October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anushree Agarwal**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

You cannot give that horrendous man 5 more years to kill all the whales, its already astonishing how little your people understand the value of these species, atleast make a minimum effort to ebb the nastier ones

Regards from India,

Anushree

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Linzy Slusher**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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Linzy Slusher

10/21/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **cristina Hurtado Lopez**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Cristina Hurtado Lopez

Reykjavik, 21st October 2023

A tradition that promotes cruelty and murder must be abolished+

Stop this criminal and illegal sadism

Universal declaration of animal rights (15 October 1978)

Article 1 All animals are born with an equal claim on life and the same rights to existence.  
Article 2 1. - All animals are entitled to respect. 2. - Man as an animal species shall not arrogate to himself the right to exterminate or inhumanely exploit other animals. It is his duty to use his knowledge for the welfare of animals. 3. - All animals have the right to the attention, care and protection of man. Article 3 1. - No animal shall be ill-treated or shall be subject to cruel acts. 2. - If an animal has to be killed, this must be instantaneous and wi

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **kimberly.davits**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Iceland government

What a beautiful county you have. I would like to visit with my husband and two boys. However i can not at this time because I am outraged that you still allow the hunting of whales. Ecological and ethical this makes no sense what so ever. Our marine life is under great threat, we need to do whatever we can to preserve as many species as we can. So maybe, hopefully, one day my boys can also see "the whales" and the beauty nature has to offer. Also note that the whales you are killing are crucial for the plankton that produces 50% of our oxygen. Please also consider protecting at least 30% of our oceans in the 30 x 30 pact. Let's preserve nature for future generations to come.

Thank you so much!

Hopefully this bill will pass and I can go on loving Iceland again and dreaming of visiting this beautiful country you have.

Kind regards

Kimberly Davits

21 october 2023

Belgium

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vito Di Fonzo**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hi,

My name is Vito Di Fonzo and today Saturday 21st October I would like to ask you and the Icelandic government to finally put an end to the barbaric practice of whaling.

Iceland and the Icelandic people have the opportunity to prove to the world that Iceland is a progressive country and its people are worthy habitants of our planet.

After all, who better that a citizen of Iceland can understand the importance to preserve the beauty of nature and all its creatures?

Confident Iceland will do the right thing

Go Iceland!

Regards,

Vito

2023-10-21

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **M.A. Crawmer**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

- \* Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act
- \* Majority of the public is against whaling
- \* Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture
- \* Economic and business relations are in danger
- \* Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate

the production of oxygen

- \* Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Derrick Peatross**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Derrick Peatross

United States of America

October 21st, 2023

I support the bill to BAN ICELANDIC WHALING!

A few reasons why:

- Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act.
- 90% of the public in Iceland and around the world are against whaling.
- Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Iceland culture.
- Economic and business relations are in danger
- Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen.
- Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species.
- 90% of the whale meat is sent to Japan where the human consumption rate is now so low it doesn't show up on a graph. The meat is then turned into dog food.
- The hunters do not follow your guidelines when killing the whales. This causes whales to suffer for hours before they eventually die. Some, never being caught, but left to die in the ocean.

Are you truly going to let one man continue this disturbing act that paints such a terrible picture to the rest of the world of your beautiful country??



Please put an end forever to Icelandic Whaling!!

. Please excuse any spelling or grammatical errors.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **JULIEN J LECLERCQ** ///

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Im sending you this email to support the future ban on whaling.

There is no need to hunt them .. none.. I don't have to explain again why. You know it .. its obvious .. and you heard it many times.. please do whats right..

Julien leclercq

21 October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mike Dickey**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please stop Whaling in Iceland. I and many people I know will not consider tourism in Iceland until the whaling stops. It is brutal, inhumane and no longer needed.

Thank you,

Mike Dickey

21. október 2023

**Frá/from: Ilya Madichinov**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Ilya Madichinov, 10.21.2023

Stop whaling!!!

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ale G**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Alessia Gregolin

Saturday 21 October 2023

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Noga Watt**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Islanders

My name is Noga Watt and I'm writing to you from South Africa.

I want to ask you to start recognised whales as wild animals that needs to be protected.

I understand that it was accepted in your culture to hunt whale but this is long ago not a survival necessity and cultures can change to something that does not require animal sacrifice. In 2023 and this planet is facing a huge environmental catastrophe because of human activity that is on track to bring an environmental collapse. Whales play a vital role in keeping our oceans allive.

Please stop the senseless murder of these beautiful animals.

Kind regards

Noga Watt

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Madeline von Foerster**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern,

It was always a dream of mine to visit Iceland. But after seeing the images of your whale hunts from the last few years, I am appalled and no longer wish to come. I cannot imagine being a tourist in your country as long as this barbaric and ecocidal practice continues.

I hope you will not renew Kristján Loftsson's 5-year license to hunt whales, and will permanently ban him from whaling. This practice is not only hurting whales and the ocean ecosystem, it is also hurting the image and reputation of Iceland.

Best wishes,

Madeline von Foerster

Germany

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Noemi Weller**

Stop killing whales

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My Name is Noemi Weller and I support the bill against whaling.

Date: 21. October 2023



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Guest**

No More Whaling

Hello Iceland,

I am writing because of my concern for the whales. Whales are highly sensitive, intelligent creatures and should be protected under law. Please end the whaling practice in Iceland and join the world stage on a better path forward.

Thank you!

Erin Fitzgerald

21. oktober 2023

Frá/from: **Cherilyn Jones**

Please consider the following. Thank you

Please leave the whales in peace and afford them the same right as you would your own child, friend, or family. As they are as intelligent, as sentient, and as caring as your human counterparts.

Please cease the outdated and barbaric practices of whaling. These are highly sentient beings.

They show altruistic behaviors not only to their own species but to other animal and humans. There are countless stories and examples of their highly social and complex dynamics.

They have emotion, they care for their young, they have families, friends, and enemies, just like us.

These are highly sentient animals who are extremely intelligent and also play a vital role in our ecosystem and environment. They deserve to be here and live their lives freely as part of the natural environment that they were created to exist in. Let them be. Please just let them be.

The photo below is me with a gray whale. These whales migrate from the Bering Sea to the shallow lagoons in Baja California MEXICO to mate and give birth in the warmer waters. Babies are born without blubber and they wouldn't survive in the colder waters of their feeding grounds.

You see, back in the late 1800s and early 1900s The Whalers discovered these lagoons, as they were easy target to cut off the opening and exit, and they slaughtered and killed almost 90% of the population, and almost drove the population to extinction. The whales, in an effort to protect their young, their family, their friends, started to ram and breach on the boats naturally. They were known as devilfish by the locals.

In 1946, Mexico was the first country to put any protection for whales, and in 1972 the marine mammal protection act was put in place. The very same year, a local fisherman and his friend, were in their panga and they saw a gray whale. They tried to get away, as they were known as “devil fish” but she followed them, getting closer and closer, and so close, the fisherman had an intuitive knowing to reach out and touch her. When he did, he became overwhelmed with emotion, and she came back for more and more touch and interaction.

He went back and told the whole village “they have forgiven us” and she went and told all her Whale friends. “They are safe.” This is the only place in the whole entire world where thousands of whales seek out human touch and interaction, only in these lagoons. The same exact place of almost the complete annihilation of their species, by humans.

They only do this in these lagoons, where their family and friends were murdered. They don’t do this in their feeding grounds up north. It’s quite an anomaly. And we don’t know the actual life expectancy of these whales. We know at least 70-80 years due to photo identification. We know there is one whale that had a 150 year old harpoon still in it and alive. So these same whales could have been around 150 years ago.

In closing, They represent the prime example of forgiveness.

They are our teachers. They are our friends. They are equal to us.

We can change the narrative. We can be an example for them as well.

Thank you

Please excuse any typos.

All the Best,

Cherilyn Jones

“Live Your Legacy Life”

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Nicole Hanschke**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dearest Industrial Affairs Committee,

my name is Nicole Hanschke and today it's the 21.10.2023.

I write to you because of the urgent matter to ban whaling in Iceland omce at for all.

The contents of the bill are all valid and important!

Please do the right thing for the whales, Iceland and nature. Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Nicole Hanschke

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Klara Koudelkova**

Please end whaling in Iceland

Umsogn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

In the middle of a climate crisis when we only have 35% of total wildlife left around the whole globe and wildlife species are rapidly declining including whales, we cannot continue killing any whales for profit or anything else. No whales = no humans.

Please think of the current and future generations wisely, your decision has a dramatic impact on the global ecosystem, including humans.

Thank you.

My kind regards,

Klara Koudelkova

21st October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ania Zaitsava**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Icelandic Parliament,

Please ban whaling! 🙏❤️ And protect them!

It is really horrific that it is still happening in the world! I really do not want to see the whale's eyes in tears during my meditations and then next day to see the news that some of them were killed. It's horrific and inhumane! If people do not treasure other species who appeared here way before humans even, then how do you see further development of humanity, especially regarding the sustainability goals?

Such news like whaling and other nature destruction are really causing harm not only to those species, but also to humans. By not banning it you act against humanity and many lives of peaceful and loving people, not talking about the sustainability of nature, so that she could provide for everyone! The nonexistence of such bans is really devastating to my personal life. I'm sure it makes other feel the same and whales too! Why do you allow people to kill such beautiful species??? Would you like someone to come and kill you with your children too? I'm pretty sure you would not. But by allowing such medieval things to continue you are not better than the barbarians. And foremost you are ruining the beautiful life of children of Earth. Dolphins, whales, humans, trees and everyone else! Please think about further generations and what would you like them to be left with! Even though it is a little amount of what is allowed by law, it is still a huge disrespect towards other species and you with you and other children as well!

I really hope that the humanitarian part of you will win and whaling will be banned! No humans should harm such beautiful and gorgeous intelligent creature and it's absolutely in your power to stop it!

Sincerely yours,

On behalf of the whales who suffer from murder and bring their suffers to other humans (whether they realise it or not),

Ania Zaitsava



The bill

The bill to ban whaling and protect whales (link in Icelandic)<<https://www.althingi.is/thingstorf/thingmalalistar-efrir-thingum/ferill/154/99/?ltg=154&mnr=99>> went through its first reading 20

September 2023 and has been referred to the Industrial Affairs Committee, which is now

gathering views on it until 24 October 2023.

Anyone can submit an official written comment on the contents of the bill, they range from

being very simple shows of support to being very detailed accounts of how the bill can be

improved. Since the main goal is to get members to read the comments, it's always best to

keep them clear and concise.

The content of the bill :

- \* Articles 1 and 2 put whales under the scope of the Wild Animals Act of 1994. This

has been the recommendation of experts for over a decade, irrespective on whether

the act of whaling is banned.

- \* Articles 3 and 4 implement a clear ban on killing whales and selling whale products

through the Wild Animals Act.

- \* Articles 5 and 7 are simple results of the protection given to whales in the previous

articles, striking out legislation that won't be needed once whaling is banned

(including the Whaling Act of 1949).

Following the legal part, the text goes on to describe some of the main arguments for a ban

on whaling:

- \* Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act

- \* Majority of the public is against whaling

- \* Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture

- \* Economic and business relations are in danger

- \* Whales are important to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate



the production of oxygen

- \* Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

The bill is put forward by Andrés Ingi Jónsson from the Pirate Party, and has the support of

15 members of parliament from four different parties: Pirate Party, People's Party, Liberal

Reform and Social Democrats.

More information:

For those that who need more info on the matter, there is a good description of the whaling

issue, history and so on in our posts and updates following up on the petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/ban-whaling-in-iceland>

Video on importance of whales: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbSx2kcb70M>

We also have a website: [www.hvalavinir.is](http://www.hvalavinir.is)<<http://www.hvalavinir.is/>>

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **m.walder**

please and Whaling

Hey my Name is Manuela and i live in Germany .....

i have been watching the evil slaughter in Iceland for the last few weeks and month...

Please stop killing the whales!!!!!!!!!!

it is so unnecessary to do this... killing a pregnant mother and cutting the baby out of her stomach.....

i was stunned and can't understand such behavior.....

i ask you to stop this cruel killing of the whales....

be brave and be a role model for our children .....

Best regards

Manuela Walder

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tilvera Expeditions**

Hvalveiðibann núna

umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum,

Fyrir hönd félagid Tilvera Expeditions, með aðsetur í Húsavík, lýsum við andstö okkar við kvalveiðum og krefjumst réttlætis fyrir hvalunum,

Bestu kveðjur,

Stofnandi Heimir Hardarson og Belén Garcia Ovide

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Eleonora De Stefani**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum : Whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act Majority of the public is against whaling Whaling doesn't have a tradition in Icelandic culture Economic and ...

Eleonora De Stefani

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lena Ratner**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

21.10.2023

My name is Lena Ratner-Azoulay and I would like to raise my voice against whaling in Iceland, and generally around the world.

These animals are crucial to our planet and for our living. Instead of killing them, we must encourage their reproduction, letting them live quietly and do their thing - keep the oceans health and produce oxygen!

As for economical resources - I am a tour operator and I can definitely say that "watching wales tourism" is the best answer and much more productive and profitable than killing them.

Pls do not look away.

The hunt must stop!!

Hope you hear our voices.

Thank you,

Lena Ratner-Azoulay

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lerise Grobbelaar**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Whales play a crucial role in all marine ecosystems. By removing this species from our precious oceans we are harming the people of future generations. We simply cannot survive if our ocean is not functioning properly. Although it is just one ship that is whaling it causes a mindset and movement that tells other people whaling is not that bad. Please help us win this battle of saving our oceans and thus ourselves by banning whaling.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anaïs Barceló**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Anaïs Barceló, 21st October 2023

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please ban whaling and protect whales

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alessandra Di Natale**

Umsögn vid 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytinguá ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum. Alessandra Di Natale - 21/10/2023

To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

By writing this email I would like to show my support for the bill to ban the whale killing in Iceland.

Following are the reasons why the ban of the whale killing has to be set:

- \* It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales
- \* Whales are important to the marine ecosystem
- \* Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- \* Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- \* The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing
- \* Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Alessandra Di Natale

21/10/23



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Olga Di Fonzo**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

My name is Olga Di Fonzo, I live in Sweden and I'm really happy to hear that Iceland is finally considering banning the whaling once and for all.

I have visited Iceland a couple of years ago and I was stunned how beautiful and out of this world your country is. While driving across the country and meeting with the locals, I was deeply hurt and disappointed to know that together with the whale watching touristic activities, your country still practices whale hunting, cruel and completely unnecessary killings of gentle ocean giants which are key elements to have our oceans healthy and thriving and so as our planet.

There are very few countries in the world which still practice this horrific "tradition" and Iceland finally have a chance to show the world that your country is looking towards future and preservation and not trying to please a hunting lobby of the past. People visiting Iceland and living in Iceland want this change and they want to see whales living, not in a restaurant as a menu option.

Thank you and waiting impatiently for the change towards the future!

Kind regards,

Olga

21.10.2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ocean Missions**

Hvalveiðibann núna

umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum,

Fyrir hönd sjálfseignarstofnunarinnar Ocean Missions, með aðsetur í Húsavík, lýsum við andstöð okkar við kvalveiðum og krefjumst réttlætis fyrir hvalunum,

Hafræðingar okkar og líffræðingar vinna að verndun sjávar og verndun líffræðilegrar fjölbreytni. Hvalir eru mjög klár og skynsamleg dýr, fyrir utan mikilvæga virkni þeirra í vistkerfi sjávar og loftslagi.

Bestu kveðjur,

Meðeigandi, Heimir Hardarson

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Andrei Tratsiakou**

Umsögn vid 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytinguá ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum. Andrei Tratsiakou - 21/10/2023

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- \* The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing
- \* Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Andrei Tratsiakou

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kelly Winchester**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

We demand a revocation of the whaling license and that these brutal killings be stopped and banned once and for all.

Please stop this cruelty. And let whales live

Regards

Kelly winchester.

21st October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **juliane schwensow**

PLEASE STOP WHALING!!!

Sincerely,

Juliane Schwensow

21. október 2023

**Frá/from: Ignas Zenevičius**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Do not be ignorant and ban whaling in Iceland forever!

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lauren McTaggart**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello from the United States.

I am a 42 year old working mother. Like many of my friends at my age, we save whatever money we can to take trips to incredible places, to create lasting memories for our children, and to show them the beauty of the planet. Iceland is a place like no other. Tourists like myself and my family dream of coming to your country to see your breathtaking landscapes, experience the northern lights, and of course, see the whales. Iceland is not known as a place to eat whale meat, and as I understand it, whale meat has lost significant appeal amongst the locals as well. From an economic standpoint Iceland has so much more to gain by preserving the incredible flora and fauna that brings tourists from far and wide to its shores.

Additionally, whales play an incredibly important role in our ecosystem. With climate change, we all need to make significant efforts to help our planet. Believe me, I am writing letters to my Senators here in the US too. We all have work to do.

I hope from the bottom of my heart you will do the right thing, for the young generation of Iceland, for your tourists and tourism economy, and for the planet.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Lauren McTaggart

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Serum Serum**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir/Madam !

I hereby demand the complete stop of whaling in the nation Island and countries beyond.

Whaling methods are inhumane and continued whaling also put an unnecessary strain on our delicate ecosystem in our ocean.

I hereby support the bill put forward by Andrés Ingi Jónsson .

Best regards

Kim T Christoffersen,

21st of October 2023 , Oslo, Norway



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Annalisa Tessiore**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Annalisa Tessiore

21/10/2023

Stop whaling and protect wales

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marco**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Marco Capucci, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Bologna

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Blake Jablonski**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name is Blake Jablonski, it is October 21st 2023. The act of whaling should be banned. Whales are smart and an important part of the ecosystem. Please stop this cruelty.

--

Blake Jablonski

Photographer

Premier.

thepremierstore.com<<http://thepremiersole.com>>

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Belen Garcia Ovide**

Hvalveiðibann núna

umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum,

Fyrir hönd umhverfiseildar Nordursigling félagid, hvalaskóðun í Húsavík, lýsum við andstö okkar við kvalveiðum og krefjumst réttlætis fyrir hvalunum,

Bestu kveðjur,

Belén García Ovide

20/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kathleen Chevalier**

End Whaling

My name is Katie Chevalier and I am writing you to please end whaling. We need to love and protect the animals and planet we are living on. These beautiful creatures deserve to live and not be brutally murdered. It's so unnecessary to survive and their numbers are decreasing to rapidly. Not only that they are intelligent, deep creatures that we should not conscientiously be consuming. There are so many other things we can eat to thrive.

Please stop these acts. The ocean's health depends on it and action needs to be taken now to stop future generations from wanting to partake in these old archaic traditions that need to die.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mario El Zoghbi**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

To whom it may concern,

Please ban the hunting of whales in Iceland. Iceland is currently one of the very few countries in the world that permit the hunting of whales. Whales are so important for the ecosystem. They sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. Iceland should be a world leader when it comes to protecting marine life but it is not at the moment. Please ban the hunting of whales.

Kind regards,

Mario El Zoghbi

United Kingdom

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jordan Dumaurier**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hi,

Please stop the needless killing of whales. Show compassion for all creatures and maintain the biodiversity of the planet.

Kind regards,

Jordan Dumaurier

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **a.novichkova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear all,

My name is Anastasia Novichkova. This email dated on October 21, 2023.

My comment on issue 99, a bill to amend various laws regarding the ban on whaling:

I am against the killing of whales and ask that the whaling and the sale of whale meat be banned completely. Whales are an important ecosystem. Whale meat is not popular among the population. Banning whaling will protect whales from extermination.

Please stop whaling!

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Kind regards,

Anastasia



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Markus Tonak**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Innsbruck 21st of October 2023

To whom this may concern,

Please just stop killing whales. I can not see a single nessecary reason to kill them and we already killed to many, as they also habe a right to live their life on this planet 🙏

Kind regards,

Markus Tonak

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lara Hadjokas**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

HÆTTU HVALVEIÐUM NÚNA.

VERNDU ALLA HVAL STRAX.

Þakka þér fyrir,

Lara Hadjokas GRCHUS

21. október 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Dimpy A**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please end whaling in Iceland.

Iceland has my heart, the warm people, the stunning landscapes, the beautiful animals on land and in water. Can't wait to be back after whaling has been banned forever. It was heartbreaking to see such few whales in the Nordic seas. I hope soon they will be able to take refuge in the Icelandic waters.

Kind Regards,

Dimpy

10/21/2023

Bangalore, India

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Stefan Pappler**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the issue of whaling in Iceland. It has come to my attention that Iceland has resumed whaling activities, which I find troubling.

I strongly urge the Icelandic government to reconsider and halt whaling operations. Whales are majestic creatures, and their populations have been under threat for some time. Continued whaling can have a detrimental impact on their populations and the marine ecosystem as a whole.

I implore Iceland to join the international community in efforts to protect and conserve these magnificent marine mammals. There are alternative, sustainable economic opportunities that can replace whaling and benefit both Iceland's economy and the environment.

I sincerely hope that Iceland will reevaluate its stance on whaling and take steps towards conservation and responsible environmental practices.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Stefan Pappler

21.10.2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Agata Wojtasiak**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am sending this email to show support in ending whaling.

Kind regards

Agata Wojtasiak

21 October 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jamie Chap**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name is Jamie Chap and I am emailing you on October 21, 2023 to express my support with officially stopping whaling once and for all! There are things I've admired about the Icelandic culture but once I learned that whaling was allowed there the positives no longer outweighed such a negative. I hope to appreciate Icelandic culture again and visit there when whaling has been ended.

-Jamie Chap

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Bryan Chap**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name is Jamie Chap and I am emailing you on October 21, 2023 to express my support with officially stopping whaling once and for all! There are things I've admired about the Icelandic culture but once I learned that whaling was allowed there the positives no longer outweighed such a negative. I hope to appreciate Icelandic culture again and visit there when whaling has been ended.

-Jamie Chap

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kaili Rodriguez**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

My name is Kaili Rodriguez, it is October 21st 2023. The act of whaling should be banned. As intelligent and sentient beings, we should know better. Whales are smart and an important part of the ecosystem. They don't deserve to die like that and the majority of people do not support this. Please stop this cruelty.



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kayla Welch**

Unsöng við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

We need to become aware of the reality we are creating for our oceans. Our whales need protected, or we will lose this beautiful earth. Whales play an enormous role in maintaining our ecosystem. Without them, our world will literally crumble.

A large portion of Iceland citizens have spoken out against whaling. Make them proud and pass this bill!

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **manuel.limbeck**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

STOP WHALING - NOW!

Iceland should be a leader when it comes to protecting marine regions and species!

Manuel Limbeck

Germany

21.10.2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **James Bramley**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

It is time the barbaric practice of whaling--one which should by now have been a painful reminder of the past--be put to rest once and for all. How this has not already come to pass I shall never know, yet I can only hope for the future.

I stand firmly in support of the bill to end commercial whaling in Iceland.

James Bramley

October 21, 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ms. Kath**

END WHALING

I, KATH ARANETA, today October 22, 2023! stand for the END WHALING and YES to protect marine animals.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ruth Keane**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Hello,

End whales killing and selling! Please start caring for our planet!

Sincerely

Ruth Keane

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Josephine Ehrlich**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Madam or sir,

My name is Josephine Ehrlich and I am against whaling and Iceland should ban Whaling once and for all. It's time because it is cruel and not necessary.

Regards,

Josephine Ehrlich

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Katrin Braun**

Stop whaling

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing you from Germany because I really care a lot about marine life especially the most peaceful and beautiful animals in the world, which absolutely don't do any harm to humans or nature.

Please stop the senseless murder of these beautiful and some of them critically endangered species.

There is absolutely no benefit for humans to kill them, absolutely no reason to eat there meat (which by the way isn't healthy at all....quite the opposite)

Humans cause so much damage to the marine life (plastic pollution etc) It's time that we realize that a healthy eco system in the sea is absolutely essential for us....

So I hereby kindly request you to do everything in your power to stop the senseless slaughter of these innocent animals.

Thanks you very much for your attention and Kind regards.

Katrin Braun

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **franco carreras**

STOP KILLING WHALES!

PLEASE STOP COMERCIAL WHAILING.

WE NEED THEM!



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Naomi Mamane**

STOP WHALING

I beg you to please stop hunting whales. They are beautiful, sensitiv, intelligent mammals, they do not deserve to be treated like this. Please take the right decision and ban whaling. Hunting them is not worth the pain you are causing not only to them but also to all the people who are trying very hard to protect nature and taking daily actions so we can all live together on this earth in harmony.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Costanza Brusutti**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Please stop whaling immediately.

I won't be visiting Iceland or buy any Icelandic product until all whaling stops.

Costanza Brusutti

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Clayton Riddell**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Andrea Mantovani, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Ravenna (Italy)

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marco Sabena**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Marco Sabena, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
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Cuneo (Italy)

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **francesco mercuri**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Francesco Mercuri, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
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Bologna

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marco**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Marco Capucci, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

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Bologna (Italy)

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mattia Callegaro**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Mattia Callegaro, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
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Verona (Italy)

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Martina Doricova**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Martina Doricova, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Martin, Slovakia

21/10/2023



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Maria Cristina Bacchiocchi**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Maria Cristina Bacchiocchi, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
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- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Bologna

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ruslana**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Ruslana Plakosova, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country.

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
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- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Instambul

21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **david1**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

I, Davide Gabrielli, hereby urge you to stop the inhumane practice of whale hunting which is unsuitable for an advanced country

While there is not a single justifiable reason to continue this practice, among the reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
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- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Prague 21/10/2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elisabeth**

Umsogn vio 99.mal,frumvarp til laga um breytingu à ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveidum

I just want to ask you yo stop the war against the whales

These majestic animals must go on to live quiet as we all wanted to Live on the earth .

They are part of the naval ecosystem and if they could speak they would be able to explain to us all the marvellous things or animals are Stiller living in the deep sea.

Thanks to hear all the human and animals together are singing to you

Elisabeth GIRAULT - CLAVEL

Saint-Cyprien FRANCE

le 21 octobre 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Julia Sebben**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Date 21/10/2023

In this day and age we should know better than to keep allowing the hurtful and horrendous practice of whale hunting. It is not necessary nor does it bring any positive impact on the economy. The species are a crucial part of the marine ecosystem that should be at the very least protected, NOT cruelly hunted.

Let's stop the project of a single vain wealthy man. It isn't and should never be a part of the Icelandic heritage. Icelandic people don't want it, I don't want it, the world doesn't want it.

**BAN WHALE HUNTING FOR GOOD.**

Julia Sebben

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Moyra Simpson**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á jímsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Moyra Simpson from Scotland, Friday October 20th 2023.

I would like to give my very strong support to the bill to ban whaling in Iceland. I would like to visit Iceland in the near future. I have wanted to visit for some time but will not do so until there is a complete ban on whaling and no more is carried out.

I think your visitor number would increase if there was no more whaling in Iceland. Whaling should be banned immediately.

Thank you

Moyra Simpson

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Carolina Perez**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Dear sir/madam,

Stop the whaling for good!

If doing something ethically wrong isn't enough reason for stop killing the whales, here are some more reasons:

- \* It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales
- \* Whales are important to the marine ecosystem
- \* Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- \* Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- \* The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing
- \* Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Regards,

Carolina Perez

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Flavio Chelo**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Adriano chelo 21.10.23

Ensuring the well-being of large whales during hunting is an impractical undertaking.

-Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.

-Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.

-Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.

-The majority of Icelanders are not in favor of continuing whaling.

-Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **flavio chelo**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Flavio chelo 21.10. 2023

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: asa thorvaldsdóttir

Umsögn um 99. mál frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Kæri viðtakandi

Ég styð eindregið við lagabreytingar til að banna hvalveiðar fyrir fullt og allt.

Fyrir utan siðferðislegar ástæður til að banna hægán og kvalafullan dauðdaga fórnarlambanna og grimmdina sem felst í að slátra móður og óbornu afkvæmi eins og nýlega gerðist, þá er engin menningarleg arfleifð eða efnahagsleg réttlæting á bak við veiðarnar. Hvalaafurðir eru fluttar út, vinnan tengt þeim er takmörkuð og illa borguð, og áframhaldandi leyfi til einnar fjölskyldu til veiða er því ekkert nema hagsmunapot fárra á kostnað ímyndar Íslands og lífríkisins alls.

Virðingarfyllst,

Ásgerður Þorvaldsdóttir

21. október 2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **India Tran**

STOP WHALE HUNT

Hi there,

Please don't allow Kristjan Loftsson to hunt more whales another more 5 years. It's a crime.  
It destroys the nature. It's not natural.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sigrún Eðvarðsdóttir**

Umsögn við 99 mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Kæri viðtakandi.

Umsögn við 99 mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Ég lýsi yfir stuðningi við frumvarpi um bann við veiðum hvalveiða.

Það eru fjölmargar ástæður fyrir því að banna hvalveiðar:

Veiðar á hvölum brjóta gegn lögum um velferð dýra. Þessi ástæða er sú mikilvægasta.

Hvalir eru mikilvægir til að viðhalda vistkerfi sjávar.

Meirihluti þjóðarinnar eru á móti hvalveiðum.

Íslendingar hafa tækifæri til að vera leiðandi í dýravelferðar og umhverfisverndarmálum.

Þar liggur framtíðin -

Hún liggur ekki í hagmunapólítík og vana greiðum.

Með góðri kveðju,

Sigrún Edda Eðvarðsdóttir

Reynimel 41

107 Rvík

21. Október 2023

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: **sandra burgan**

Stop whaling

Sandra burgan

I want whaling to stop

Long post lifted from Lu our Nssac friend.... But worth while if we can make a difference n  
stop whaling x

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If anti- whaling is important to you then you can easily join the Fight to End Whaling in  
Iceland from your arm chair!

Some of you know I volunteer for the Captain Paul Watson Foundation previously known as  
Sea Shepherd UK and went to

Iceland myself this summer to keep an eye on the whaling station while their temporary ban  
was in force.

Well, an anti-whaling bill is currently being considered by Iceland's parliament, and your  
input would be very much appreciated

and could be the key to ending whaling for good!!

This groundbreaking legislation is on the verge of putting an end to whaling in Iceland,  
providing vital protection to these majestic whales under local wildlife laws.

All that's needed is 1 minute of your time to send an email and writing in English is perfectly  
acceptable!

Your email should include your name and the date, with the subject line: "Umsögn við 99.  
mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum."

Craft a concise yet passionate message reaffirming your strong endorsement of this groundbreaking bill. Feel free to emphasize these compelling reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

-Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.

-Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.

-Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.

-Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.

-The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.

-Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Whether you're an experienced email activist or a first-time advocate, NOW is the perfect time to get involved. The Icelandic parliament is listening closely, and your voice resonates louder than ever. Let's make a resounding impact and protect these magnificent sea giants!



Thank you 🙏🙏

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elín Ásta Sólskríkja**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Ég heiti Elín Ásta Sólskríkja Finnsdóttir

Ég vil hvalveiða bann núna.

Hval veiðar eru grimmilegar og standast ekki kröfur.

Veiðarnar eru ómannúðlegar og skömm á íslensku þjóðina.



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Irma Hopkins**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Ég heiti Irma Alexandra Hopkins, dagsetningin er 21. október 2023

Ég styð þetta frumvarp og tel það mjög mikilvægt að hvalveiðar verða bannaðar sem fyrst.

Takk fyrir,

Irma A. Hopkins (hún/she/her)

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **SABRINA TORRES ESPINO**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vega banns við hvalveidum.

Umsögn við

99. mál, frumvarp til laga um

breytingu á ymsum lögum vega

banns við hvalveidum.

STOP THE WHALECIDE. OUR PLANET NEEDS REAL ACTIONS TO STOP THE VIOLENCE THEY LIVE, THEY CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUFFERING

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **natalia erica onor**

Save the whales

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Natalia Erica Onor

Italy

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Florian Stadler**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing to you as a concerned global citizen to urge the Icelandic government to take immediate action to ban whaling in your country. Whaling has been a contentious issue worldwide, and I believe that Iceland has an opportunity to take a leadership role in protecting our oceans and the creatures that inhabit them. There are several compelling reasons why whaling should be banned in Iceland:

1. Conservation of Marine Life: Whales play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance of the world's oceans. Their removal disrupts this delicate equilibrium, affecting the entire marine ecosystem.
2. Threatened Species: Some whale species targeted by whaling in Iceland, such as the fin whale, are classified as endangered or vulnerable by international organizations. Continued whaling poses a significant threat to these species' survival.
3. Inhumane Practices: Whaling methods are often considered inhumane, causing prolonged suffering to these intelligent and sentient beings. Banning whaling would align with modern ethical standards regarding animal welfare.
4. Economic Implications: Whale watching is a thriving and sustainable industry in Iceland, attracting tourists from around the world. Banning whaling could boost the nation's economy and generate more income and jobs than whaling currently provides.
5. International Stewardship: Iceland's commitment to preserving its natural beauty and respecting international agreements, such as the International Whaling Commission's moratorium on commercial whaling, would be viewed favorably by the global community.
6. Alternatives to Whaling: Scientific research has shown that non-lethal methods, such as whale watching and the study of whales in their natural habitat, can provide valuable insights into these magnificent creatures without harming them.

Iceland has a unique opportunity to be a beacon of conservation and environmental stewardship by joining the growing list of nations that have banned whaling. I kindly request that you consider the moral, ecological, and economic reasons for ending this practice and take the necessary steps to prohibit whaling in Iceland.

I am hopeful that your government will choose to be a leader in marine conservation by making the compassionate and sustainable choice to ban whaling. Your decision can serve as an inspiring example to the world in the protection of our oceans and the majestic creatures that call them home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Florian Stadler

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Colton Bulmer**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Whaling is a crime against Earth. Iceland should be ashamed of allowing this horrendous crime to continue. I have always wanted to go on vacation to Iceland but I will not spend my money in a country that allows whaling. Please make whaling illegal.

- Colton Bulmer (from Canada)

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Gustavo De Obaldia**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Dear Members of Althingi,

I'm reaching out to you to express my strong endorsement of the proposed legislation aimed at definitively ending whaling in Iceland. This issue carries both moral and environmental weight and requires immediate consideration.

**Animal Welfare:** It's virtually impossible to uphold animal welfare standards when hunting and taking the lives of large whales. This practice is inherently inhumane and cruel.

**Ecological Significance:** Whales play a pivotal role in maintaining the health and equilibrium of marine ecosystems. Their activities contribute to nutrient cycling and enhance biodiversity.

**Cultural Heritage:** Contrary to common belief, whaling does not constitute an essential part of Iceland's cultural heritage. It's time to abandon practices that result in needless suffering and environmental consequences.

**Personal Interest:** Presently, whaling in Iceland has devolved into a personal pursuit by a single affluent individual. This isn't a compelling reason to perpetuate a practice associated with numerous adverse effects.

**Public Opinion:** Multiple surveys have indicated that a majority of the Icelandic public opposes the continuation of whaling. It's vital to heed the voice of the populace.

Economic Implications: Whaling has negative repercussions on the Icelandic economy, particularly when considering the flourishing eco-tourism sector. Shifting towards sustainable tourism can yield far greater economic benefits.

I earnestly implore you to take swift and resolute action in support of this legislation to ban whaling in Iceland. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Gustavo De Obaldia



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **joaquinmarchueta**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Date: 10/21/2023

Dear Members of Althingi,

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the proposed bill to ban whaling in Iceland once and for all. This issue holds both ethical and ecological significance and demands immediate attention.

**\*\*Animal Welfare\*\***: It's virtually impossible to maintain animal welfare standards while hunting and killing large whales. The practice is inherently cruel and inhumane.

**\*\*Ecosystem Importance\*\***: Whales play a crucial role in maintaining the health and balance of marine ecosystems. Their activities aid in nutrient cycling and contribute to biodiversity.

**\*\*Cultural Heritage\*\***: Contrary to popular belief, whaling is not an integral part of Iceland's cultural heritage. It's time to let go of practices that cause unnecessary suffering and environmental impact.

**\*\*Vanity Project\*\***: At this point, whaling in Iceland has become a vanity project for a single wealthy individual. This is not a compelling reason to continue a practice that brings with it so many negative ramifications.

**\*\*Public Opinion\*\***: Various surveys have indicated that a majority of the Icelandic public is against the continuation of whaling. It's essential to listen to the voice of the people.

**\*\*Economic Impact\*\***: Whaling has a negative impact on the Icelandic economy, particularly when considering the burgeoning eco-tourism industry. A shift toward sustainable tourism can bring in far greater economic benefits.

I urge you to act promptly and decisively in supporting this bill to ban whaling in Iceland.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Adolfo joaquin Marchueta

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21. október 2023

**Frá/from: Nicola Botha**

Support bill put end whaling in Iceland

Just ban whaling in Iceland. The Fin Whale most beautiful animal. Iceland focus on whale watching create more job than hunt them. Ban whaling. Not renew the permit for hunt of Fin Whale.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Loretta Romaniutaite**

Umsögn vid 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum logum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Hello, it is very important to stop whale killing, they are just as us, a part of this planet, and they are very important species for this planet and for the future generations.

People should be educated. Knowledge, empathy, and care is most important what we can learn from our mistakes and we are lucky enough to have this opportunity, all we need to do is pick a right choice. And change it now for the sake of future generations and the planet. We have to bring all the species with us to the future in untouched natural way. We have to sustain the planet, we have to stop killing and start living, we need to start saving biodiversity and stop the planet from dying.

Please be a part of the planet earth and stop the killing of the innocent.

- It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales
- Whales are important to the marine ecosystem
- Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing
- Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Kind regards,

Loretta Romaniutaite

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Silvia D'Agostino**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum. (Commentary on Case 99, a bill to amend various laws regarding the ban on whaling.)

Good morning,

I waw on August in Iceland and I really feel connected to its nature and its people.

Whales are too important for Ocean's ecosystem! There's no need to fish them in 2023. Economy is sustained by other sectors. Please, stop killing them.

Listen to us please, stop this.

Thanks and regards.

D'Agostino Silvia

Looking forward to be back in Iceland soon.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Silvia Rizzo**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum. (Commentary on Case 99, a bill to amend various laws regarding the ban on whaling.)

Good morning,

I am italian and I just visited your beautiful country and I loved it, so much that I hope to come again soon and then again. I love its nature, its culture and its people, but during my trip I had occasion to talk about whales with the owner of an hotel right in Hvalfjordur and he gave me his point of view, which I am aware being the same of the majority of Icelanders.

We were a group and all of us love Iceland but hate this practice that has no need to exist today.

Whales are very important for Ocean's ecosystem. There's no need to fish them in 2023. Economy is sustained by other sectors.

Listen to us please, stop this.

Looking forward to come back and know that this thing has been abolished!

Thanks for Your kind attention and best regards.

Silvia Rizzo

Italia

21. október 2023

Frá/from: 777チコ

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við halveiðum.

I just recently found out that @guardian interviewed Iceland's last whaler Kristjan Loftsson at a traditional Icelandic restaurant. His comment on the endangered species was shocking: "There are about 40,000 fin whales on Iceland]. The quota is maybe 160 or something like that. So, we can carry on for ever." We ask absolutely to no renew his license! This needs to stop!! Iceland should ban whaling once and for all, and repeal Kristjan Loftsson's permit! This it's so cruel, wrong and not necessary anymore. We are in 2023 and it's time to evolve and protect animals.

Thanks

21. október 2023

Frá/from: K K

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Name: Carlos Vanderbilt

Date: 21October 2023

I very much support the bill. Cannot believe this is still ongoing to be honest.

Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage. Despicable. Only been done for one single wealthy man. The public does NOT support it.

Whaling needs to stop now.

Thank you,

Carlos



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jutta Meyer**

Umsögn vio 99.mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum lögum vegna banns vlohvalveidum

To whom it may concerns,  
21.10.2023

Please stop whaling-killing whales

here are the reasons.....

- it is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large animals
- Whales are important to the marine ecosystem
- Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- Whaling in iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- The majority of the Iceland public do not support whaling continuing
- Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

those are just a few reasons.....please keep the whales protected.....

Kind Regards

Jutta Meyer

Robert Stevens

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Borja Maortua**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Save the whales!!!

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Emilia métaireau**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Paris, 21 October 2023

Hi

This barbaric act needs to be stopped - it is utterly horrific and disgusting - how can you let this happen? The world is watching with horror and sadness for these innocent and majestic animals.

Whaling NEEDS TO BE banned in Iceland.

The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing.

Your country has a very bad and dirty image in the rest of the world you have so much blood on your hands. 🤢🤢🤢

PLEASE LISTEN AND STOP THE CRUELTY PLEASE 🙏

Use your energy, your voice, your power, your heart, to do something GOOD for the ocean instead of destroying it.

Please.

Emilia Metaireau

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Antongiulio Mazzola**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Good morning,

I am a frequent traveller to Iceland. So far I visited your beautiful country 7 times. I feel very connected to its nature, its culture and its people.

During my last trip I talked about whales with the owner of an hotel right in Hvalfjordur and he gave me his point of view, which I am aware being the same of the majority of Icelanders.

Whales are very important for Ocean's ecosystem. There's no need to fish them in 2023. Economy is sustained by other sectors. It just make the wealth of a single man as far as I am concerned.

Listen to us please, stop this.

Thanks and regards.

Looking forward to be back in Iceland soon.

Antongiulio Mazzola

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ben arad**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

I support the bill for the laws regarding whaling in Iceland, and think whaling should be dramatically reduced.

- it is not possible to maintain animal and marine welfare and continue killing large whales.
- whales are very important to the marine ecosystem.
- Whaling in Iceland became a project for a single wealthy man.

Ben Arad

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Olle Lundberg**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear,

Please don't make the mistake of letting the slaughter of whales continue. You're losing tourism because of it. And what's worse, you're disrupting the ecosystem and losing biodiversity.

The whales are more important than one company's so called right to hunt and kill.

Please make this right.

Best regards,

Olle Lundberg, Sweden

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **arjen nouta**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Arjen okt 21 2023

Please ban whaling. Make those awesome creatures count as animals, not as food or whatever!

Start a petition in your country and listen to what the majority of your people think of whaling. I assure you the outcome would make you stop this stupid actions.

Met vriendelijke groet, greetings

Arjen

[www.darkaphotography.com](http://www.darkaphotography.com)<<http://www.darkaphotography.com>>

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jackson**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the potential renewal of whaling licenses for Mr. Kristjan Loftsson, as currently under consideration in the 99th bill. The recent comments attributed to Mr. Loftsson are alarming and raise significant questions about the sustainability and ethical implications of whaling activities in Iceland.

Mr. Loftsson's statement that there are approximately 40,000 fin whales in the vicinity of Iceland, with a quota of around 160, suggests a perspective that could have severe consequences for the preservation of this endangered species. It is concerning to hear the assertion that such practices can continue indefinitely without potentially devastating consequences for these magnificent creatures and the delicate marine ecosystems they are a part of.

Iceland's Parliament is currently at a crucial juncture in deciding whether to renew Mr. Loftsson's whaling license, a decision that would be binding for the next five years. I would like to bring to your attention that a vast majority of Mr. Loftsson's fin whale meat is exported to Japan, as the demand for whale meat within Iceland itself has diminished significantly. This raises important questions about the ethical, environmental, and economic justification for continuing such practices.

I strongly believe that Iceland has a unique opportunity to demonstrate leadership in marine conservation by taking decisive action against whaling. The international community, along with many individuals within Iceland and around the world, have expressed their concerns regarding whaling practices. Banning whaling and revoking Kristjan Loftsson's permit could be a significant step towards preserving the marine environment and securing a more sustainable future for Iceland.



I kindly request that you consider the implications of this decision carefully, not only for the environment and the endangered species but also for Iceland's international standing. I respectfully urge you to take this opportunity to make a positive and lasting impact on the protection of our oceans.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jackson Ikenberry

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **pitzolusara**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

- being of large whales during hunting is an impractical undertaking.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders are not in favor of continuing whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy

21/10/2023

Sara Pitzolu

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Philippe B**

Umsógn via 99. Mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á Vmsum liigum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Dears,

I travel to Iceland this summer, and was lucky enough to see whales in real life at Usavik.

This was so great!! Like all of your island.

I was safely surprised on my way back to learn that hunting whales was back last summer, what a shame for the fictions glory of one man.

I understand traditions...etc. but this goes behind it.

It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales

- . Whales are important to the marine ecosystem
- . Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- . Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- . The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing
- . Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Please stop whaling in Iceland

Kind regards

Philippe Bitz

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Maria Murtas**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

21.10.23 MURTAS MARIA

Ensuring the well-being of large whales during hunting is an impractical undertaking.

-Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.

-Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.

-Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.

-The majority of Icelanders are not in favor of continuing whaling.

-Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Evelyn Fraghi**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

21\10\2023 EVELYN FRAGHI

- Ensuring the well-being of large whales during hunting is an impractical undertaking.
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- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
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21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Flemming Ryborg**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom it may concern

The license to kill whales has no benefit whatsoever - not for Iceland nor for the persons involved.

There are no economic reasons to continue this immoral and damaging practise.

On the other hand, whale killing damages Icelands reputation far beyond any obscure benefits, one might come up with.

Instead, Iceland should use its powers to stop Japan and other countries from such behaviour.

Our planet needs sealife, not seafood.

Sincerely

Flemming Ryborg

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Viivi Viuha**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna bans við hvalveidum

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to end Iceland's commercial whaling and not to renew Loftsson's licence to hunt whales.

You have indicated in the recent past that you are reconsidering the future of whaling in Iceland when current quotas expire in 2023, noting that whaling is not socially or economically viable for Iceland's future.

Recent polls in Iceland reveal that there is little demand for whaling or whale meat, and Iceland does not need whale meat to survive.

Whaling is incredibly cruel and time to death is often prolonged. New welfare regulations in Iceland recognize this fact.

Whaling has no place in a country that prides itself on being modern, educated, and sustainable and that welcomes tourism from an international community that overwhelmingly seeks the protection of these majestic beings.

Whales are worth more alive than dead, and bring over \$20M annually to Iceland through whale watching. As important denizens of the marine ecosystem, whales sequester carbon, cycle nutrients, and help to regulate our climate.

I commend your courage to call for an end to this incredibly inhumane and outdated industry and request that Iceland's commercial whaling be abandoned forever.

Sincere regards,

Viivi Viuha

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Aishling Wright**

Whaling

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the decisions being made around whaling in Iceland.

I am deeply saddened that the ban on fin whaling was removed in August. I had booked my trip to Iceland during the time of the ban and this was a huge consideration. However I am due to visit next month and now I do not feel comfortable visiting a country with such barbaric and cruel rules in place. I would have loved to book a boat trip to see these beautiful creatures in their natural habitat but I cannot support an industry that is corrupt with hypocrisy.

Please reconsider putting these bans back in place, and if you must allow some people to do it (otherwise they will do it illegally) then make it a low limit.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and I hope you take my views on board.

Kind regards,

Aishling



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **adut Lillian**

## STOP THE KILLING OF WHALES

The whales in Iceland need protection from predators who are likely to put them at extinction. They are very smart and intelligent creatures which shouldn't be allowed to go extinct.

They only 160 in number. Please stop renewing the poachers licenses (KRISJÁN LOFTSSON) to hunt them to conserve Iceland's beautiful wildlife.

Small changes can make a big difference in the World.

Whales are part of Ireland's ecosystem . A thoughtful consideration would be helpful.  
Thank you .

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alison Piper**

Umsogn vio 99. Mal, frumvarp til lags Ím breytingu a ymsum login vegna banns vid hvalveidum.

Good morning

Please excuse my not using the Icelandic alphabet correctly.

I write to add my support to the important Anti-Whaling Bill being considered by Parliament.

Please pass this ground breaking legislation to ensure that:

- the welfare of whales is protected
- whales can continue to play a vital role in maintaining a thriving world-wide marine ecosystem
- to ensure the Icelandic nation's true cultural heritage is known and understood, and to support its economy

The world is looking to you at this crucial time.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Alison Piper

Great Britain

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Cederique De Coster**

Stop this man's nonsense

Dear, Icelandic Parliament.

Please stop  Kristjan Loftsson from LEGALLY murdering innocent beings: AKA whales in general.

Do not renew his license to legally commit

Fin whale genocide..

If he tries without license & be caught in action, at least he can be put to justice for his actions.

Kind regards,

Cederique DC

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Valerio Vidori**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

21/10/2023

Dear Iceland Government,

The world is changing in worst due to human behaviours, the oceans and their animal population is suffering and is endangered by high massive fishing and hunting activities.

Whales are running the risk of disappearing from the world's environment. Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem. They are one of the oldest and magnificent creatures of the sea, but since centuries they are innocent victims of human brutality and avidity.

All over the world, modern countries condemn the whales hunting and do not have a good opinion about permissive regulations applied by local governments.

Also the majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.

You live in one of the most beautiful places of hearth, your eco-system is just something unbelievable and amusing.

Please, vote for the end of this brutal practice that killed thousands of whales, drastically reducing the species all over the world.

Thank you for your attention.

Kindest regards.

Valerio

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lise van Leeuwen**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Dear Icelandic Parliament,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the renewal of Kristjan Loftsson's license to hunt fin whales. The recent statement by Mr. Loftsson in *The Guardian* regarding the number of fin whales and the perpetual nature of whaling activities is deeply concerning and highlights the urgent need for reconsideration.

I would like to present three compelling arguments against the renewal of this license:

1. **Conservation of Endangered Species:** The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified the fin whale as an endangered species. The global population is already at risk, and the conservation of these majestic creatures is of paramount importance. Allowing the continuation of fin whale hunting not only threatens the survival of this species but also undermines international efforts to protect endangered marine life.

2. **Declining Demand for Whale Meat in Iceland:** It is evident that the demand for whale meat in Iceland has significantly decreased in recent years. Mr. Loftsson's primary market for fin whale meat is Japan, not Iceland. This decline in domestic consumption demonstrates that Icelandic citizens are increasingly disinterested in whale meat. As a result, the continuation of whale hunting in Iceland seems to serve the interests of a limited group, while disregarding the preferences of the broader population.

3. **International Reputation and Responsibility:** Iceland is a signatory to various international agreements and conventions aimed at protecting marine life and conserving endangered species. The renewal of Kristjan Loftsson's license to hunt fin whales sends a message that Iceland is not fully committed to its international responsibilities in safeguarding the world's oceans. By discontinuing whaling activities, Iceland can demonstrate its commitment to conservation and its reputation as a responsible global actor.

I kindly request that you consider these arguments when deciding whether to renew Kristjan Loftsson's license for another five years. The responsible course of action would be to put an end to whaling in Iceland and align the nation with global efforts to conserve marine biodiversity.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lise van Leeuwen

The Netherlands

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sarah Hanson**

umsogn vio 99. mal frumvamp til laga um breytingu a ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

Iceland Parliament,

I urge you to once and for all, ban whaling and do not renew Kristjan Loftsson's licence to hunt Fin Whales.

It is barbaric and un-called for.

Regard

Sarah Hanson UK

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Prisca Tempestini**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Goodmornig, to whom it may concern I'm writing to ask stop whaling.

Whales are important animals for marine ecosystem and today it's impossible to talk about animal welfare and countinuing kill the large whales.

The majority of the Icelandic public do not support the whaling countinuing so as the most of European people.

Thank you for your attention.

Prisca Tempestini

Inviato da iPhone



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sheena Stannard**

Please don't enable hunting of whales

Dear Sir/Madam,

I appeal to you not to renew any permits that permit the hunting of whales, which, in my mind, heart and soul, is a barbaric and unnecessary practice. We need our whales, alive and in the sea, not chopped up and placed on the plates of human beings, who should, in fact, be guardians and custodians of the natural planet. Whales form a vital part marine life, which is fundamental to all life on earth. Icelanders have an ancestral heritage of reverence for the marine ecosystem on which their lives depended, but in a spiritual and natural harmony with it, not an exploitative and cruel one. (Anyway, I thought that the International Whaling Commission (IWC) had issued a moratorium on the Fin Whale, as its heavily endangered.)

Thank you for having a positive response to our appeals.

Yours in humanity,

Sheena Stannard.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Olivier Noguera**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Good Morning,

Let me introduce myself: I am a french citizen, in love with Iceland, having had the chance to spend several stays there. Furthermore, I am a captain on a Boeing737 for the company Transavia.

Contrary to my love for Iceland, I am deeply shocked to see that whaling is still practiced there and I please you to stop this practice immediatly for thé following reasons:

- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
  - Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
  - Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
  - The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
  - Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.
- Ban whaling once and for all and ensure the welfare of large whales.

Thanks for reading me.

Best regards

Olivier Noguera

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **simona colombo**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

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hvalveiðum

Simona Colombo  
UNOCASHMERE

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **wendy mcdonald**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

I beg you to please stop giving people permission to hunt Fin Whales.

Wendy McDonald UK

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Leandra Nunes**

Re: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

I also forgot to mention that the majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling so please stop this now.

It is very painfully seeing whales being killed that way when they play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.

Thank you.

Leandra Nunes

> On 21 Oct 2023, at 07:06, Leandra Nunes <leandra\_nunes wrote:

> Good morning,

> This is an email to confirm that this needs to stop now what is happening in Iceland, and the step must be done to prevent another 5 years of more damage to the whales.

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> We hope that you'll do the right decision and decline this license.

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> Thank you.

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> Leandra Nunes

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21. október 2023

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21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Terence Spilsbury**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To whom this may concern

Please do not issue Kristjan Loftsson with a new Whaleing Permit.

We need to ban hunting of whales. It is ludicrous that this is still allowed.

Kind Regards

Terence Spilsbury

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **George Silvestrovici**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please ban whaling in Icelend, fisheries are a historical old occupation. That harmed and will harm habitats, is bad for itself and japanese and others shoul educate themselves for vegetable source of proteins

Inovation and AI are the future !

Kristjan Loftsson's permit is of no use from now and in the future!

with consideration and hope,

George Silvestrovici



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **David Metcalf**

YO! Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

Icelandic culture produces fantastic film poetry, art, and music. Every culture has to let go of its shitty, fucked up, inhumane disgusting history. Let's be honest, culture is stupid. Not to mention, this seems like low hanging fruit. Killing whales to sell to Japan so this asshole can continue to live is moronic. End this shit already. Put him out of business, kick him in the dick, and throw him in a volcano.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **mariah shirley**

Umsogn vid 99. Mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum logum vegna banns vid hvalveidum

Hi, I'm sending this in hopes that Iceland will stop whaling, whaling in Iceland seems to be just for single wealthy mans vanity ~ with all the worlds problems , this should be an easy one to resolve.. with out whales our oceans will suffer and we will as a result . Thank you for your consideration to hear our voices from around the world to help save rather than be a part of the decline ~ with all do respect,

Mariah Shirley

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Karly Kneidinger**

Umsogn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Save our planet!! Don't kill the whales!! You're destroying our earth!!

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Ruth Ximena Guzman Vargas**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

Hi

Please help to stop the mass whaling, we are joining forces to stop the mass slaughter.

Thanks

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Cathy Eynaud**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **gunta vamsi**

Fwd: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

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From: john smith

Date: Sat, 21 Oct 2023, 08:51

Subject: Fwd: Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please don't renew whaling license again. Please stop this from now.

Regards

vamsi

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **andrea**

Umsögn við 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Mikilvægt er að hvalir lifi af og að þeim fækki ekki of mikið vegna veiða og mengunar hafsins.

Það er ekki hægt að halda uppi dýravelferð og drepa stóra hvali

- Hvalir eru mikilvægir fyrir vistkerfi hafsins
- Hvalveiðar eru ekki hluti af íslenskum menningararfi
- Hvalveiðar á Íslandi eru nú hégómaverkefni fyrir einstakan auðmann
- Meirihluti íslensks almennings styður ekki áframhaldandi hvalveiðar
- Hvalveiðar hafa neikvæð áhrif á efnahagslífið

Andrea Bucciarelli

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **john smith**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Please don't renew whaling license again. Please stop this from now.

Regards

vamsi



21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Leo Mont**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

whaling should be banned in Iceland:

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling is at odds with Iceland's cherished cultural heritage.
- Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual Kristian Lofston.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Cheers,

Leo Mont

21.10.2023

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Vamsi Gunta**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Dear government

Please don't renew whaling license again. Please stop this from now.

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Keyla Ortiz Colon**

Umsögn vid 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytinguá ymsum logum vegna banns við hvalveidum.

October 20, 2023

Hello!

My name is Keyla Ortiz and I'm writing to support the whale killing ban. This act is horrendous and should be considered a crime of animal abuse. There's absolutely nothing good to appreciate from this activity. If this whale killing were so good why don't you allow this licensed whale killers to hunt and kill themselves like they do with whales to put a perfect comparison that can wake up your minds in to the cruel, vile, unexplainable act. Apart from killing hundreds of animals in a nasty suffering way you are allowing an impact in the marine ecosystems as well. The following key points are an essential part to consider and remember:

- \* It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales
- \* Whales are important to the marine ecosystem
- \* Whaling is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage
- \* Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
- \* The majority of the Icelandic public do not support whaling continuing
- \* Whaling has a negative impact on the economy

Please don't allow that the greed of few men make you give the permit to allow this horrible crime. As Iceland parliament you have the power and duty to do the right thing, to do what is best for the people (supporting our ecosystem) and to move forward with what the most people of this country want: **BAN THE WHALE KILLING!**

Sincerely,

Keyla Ortiz

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Amanda Siemens**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalvieðum.

Dear Members of the Icelandic Parliament,

I am emailing you to urge you to not renew the license for Kristjan Loftsson. While fin whales are not currently an endangered species, with the continuing hunting of them they could become such. This would be horrible for our oceans, not just in Iceland but around the world.

Loss of marine biodiversity can lead to a weakening of important ecosystems that can affect the ocean's ability to work as a climate regulator. Ecological crisis such as climate change are currently some of the biggest threats facing the whole globe. You all have an opportunity right now to not only save an entire species before it needs to be revitalized with the aid of humans, but you also have the opportunity to protect important ecosystems that can impact the whole world.

I am once again urging you to please not renew the whaling license for Kristjan Loftsson.

Thank you,

Amy Siemens

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Felicity Boath**

Umsögn við 99. Maí, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum.

Dear Sir,

Respectfully, you have a very important decision in your hands, one that could change the fate of whales and the oceans biodiversity for years to come. Please make the right decision and do not renew whaler's licence. There are other ways of making money, there are other ways of eating. There are alternatives. If the world does not start making big changes, unfortunately it will be a world that no human will want to live in. Think of your peoples' future. Think of the world's future. Think of whales' future. Whales play such an important role in our seas, and humans depend on them much more than is commonly acknowledged. The world is watching.

Kind regards,

Felicity Boath

Sydney, Australia

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Andrea Velasquez**

Umsöng vid 99.mál, formvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Dear Governor,

Whaling is a cruel and inhumane practice, this hunting season has shown how unsustainable it is with pregnant whales being killed with fully formed calves almost ready to give birth.

I am sure tourism in Iceland is a thriving industry with a bright future ahead. Whale watching has proven to be a sustainable tourism option in many countries.

Iceland should be a leader in ocean preservation and management, but whale hunting is monstrous, it has stained the Icelandic reputation internationally.

These carbon capturing animals are crucial to ocean health and their populations are at historic lows. Please do not renew whaling permits and please repeal Kristjan Loftsson's permit to keep hunting these amazing animals.

Thank you,

Andrea Velasquez

21. október 2023

Frá/from: **Karin Hansson**

Umsögn við 99.mál, formvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveidum

Please 🙏 I beg you on my knees to stop the horrific things that these amazing animals are going through.

STOP WHALING...!

Please let those incredible animals be safe and left alone...!

If you keep killing, haunting and do harm to the whales and our oceans you will in the end kill and hurt yourself and all other humans....

Save the whales, save the oceans and all of the life in there....

But please start by putting a END TO THE WHALING.

Please 🙏

Best regards

Karin Hansson

Sweden 21/10-23.

October 21, 2023