

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

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Fjarlægðar voru tengiliðaupplýsingar og hlekkir.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jonathan McGregor**

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

My name is Jonathan McGregor, Date 20/10/23

I fully support the bill to end whaling for the following 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

Jonathan McGregor

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **dianne rowe**

BAN WHALING FOREVER

Dear Sirs

I recently visited your wonderful country on a trip to observe your amazing topography and wildlife. I am therefore shocked to the core to think that the inhumane whaling industry may be allowed to continue!

Please take my views into consideration when considering the bill to BAN WHALING AND PROTECT WHALES:

- * Whales are iconic creatures and essential to the marine ecosystem.
- * The vast majority of the general public is against whaling.
- * People will not wish to visit your beautiful country if they feel Icelanders condone this barbaric practice.
- * From what I have learned, one person – namely Kristjan Loftsson – has an economic hold over your government due to his immense wealth. This is wrong on so many levels.
- * Iceland is so privileged, with its unique environment and culture, plus you have an excellent attitude towards the conservation of your environment. So PLEASE extend this attitude towards STOPPING WHALING – FOREVER.

To counter Mr Loftsson's argument, I cannot be accused of being a hypocrite as I am a vegan and have not eaten meat, fish or dairy products - in any way, shape or form - for over 45 years. I was so impressed to read that Iceland is leading the world in veganism. Please don't let this one, greed-obsessed inhumane person bring Iceland into worldwide disrepute.

THANK YOU.

Dianne Rowe

United Kingdom

20th October 2023

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Sorcha**

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

20th October 2023

Sorcha Conduct

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the bill to bring whales under the protection of local wildlife laws in Iceland, putting a stop to whaling. I can confirm that I fully support this bill and would very much like to see it passed and put into effect.

I have a personal connection to this issue and the inhumane monstrosities that are committed in the whaling world cannot be ignored any longer by the government. During the hunting and killing of large whales, it is not possible to maintain animal welfare, which causes unnecessary and unprovoked harm to the animals. There is simply no need for whaling to continue in Iceland as it is not part of the Icelandic cultural heritage, the majority of the Icelandic public does not support whaling continuing and in fact, whaling is having a negative impact on the economy.

I really hope you make the right decision and listen to the voices of the public on the issue of whaling.

Kind regards,

Sorcha Conduct

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lallania Anderson**

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

To the Icelandic Government,

I write this email in support of abolishing whaling practices in your country for the following reasons:

- Whales are sentient beings
- 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

I have always wanted to visit your beautiful country, however since learning that Iceland allows the murder of whales I will not be. I now tell everyone who talks about Iceland in person and on social media about the animal cruelty that is permitted in Iceland.

~Lallania Anderson

Victoria, British Columbia

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Niko Neufeld**

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

Good Morning,

My name is Niko Neufeld, im from Mexico.

I have been seeing lots of videos about Whaling in Iceland and i am so happy to hear that an anti whaling bill is finally moving trough Icelands parliament.

Please please let this be the bill that will end Whaling once and for all.

Whales are so very important to our oceans and considering that whaling does infenitly more harm than good, i really hope that it won't be allowed to go on for vanity project of one wealthy man.

Let's protect these beautiful and incredibly intelligent marine animals as much as we can so they can full fill their role in helping our oceans to thrive.

Thank you!!!

Niko Neufeld

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Hannah Sassoon**

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

Dear fellow humans

I have been in tears often over last few months about the suffering & killing of Finn Whales -

I know there are many atrocities still being committed around the world - but this is surely one we can stop now?

Finn Whales are the most intelligent & majestic creatures - the second largest whale of all & they only eat small stuff - they are baleen whales - The Fin Whale is a filter-feeder, feeding on small schooling fish, squid and crustaceans including copepods and krill.

They do not ever harm humans, yet some humans think it is OK to harm them, cause them to suffer & even kill them.

Here are some of 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.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

Please listen to the voices of reason & compassion

thank you

Hannah Sassoon

Cardiff, Wales, UK

20th October 2023

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **skywardpictures**

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

20 Oct 2023

Greetings,

With regard to whaling in Icelandic waters, my view gets down to common sense and respect for these magnificent mammals. While

While whaling was certainly an industry at one period of history, this ship has sailed, today we are better informed.

It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales, as well, the whales are important to the marine ecosystem.

It seems now that Icelandic whaling is a vanity project for a single wealthy man....you would make more \$\$ from tourism boost, believe me! Whaling actually has a negative impact on the economy, given its opportunity costs.

Thanks for listening)))

Michael L. Keenan

President and Chief Creative Officer

Skyward Pictures Inc.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Céline Simoës**

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

Céline Simoës, 20 th October 2023

By the present email I am confirming my support for the bill.

Reasons as to why whaling should be banned in Iceland :

- It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill 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

The world is watching you and you are giving an horrible image regarding wildlife conservacy, what a shame...!

Céline Simoës

#lastwhalingstation #oppaikan #stopwhaling

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **neil armiger**

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

To Whom it may concern

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

Neil Armiger 20.10.2023

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Phil No**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum - Philippe Naud October 20, 2023

Please stop whaling, these are a crucial part of the oceans and to us, humans as they contribute to the ecosystem that produce over 80% of the oxygen we breath. There is a lot of selfishness in continuing whaling in 2023, there is absolutely no reason why it is still happens other than financial reasons which only benefits a handful of people. The majority of the world population and people from Iceland are against whaling, so why not listen to the people ?

Please stop this madness!

Thank you

Philippe Naud

Quebec, Canada

October 20th 2023

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Claire Calabrese**

Umsogn vio 99.mal frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

Hello,

I want to support the fact that whaling has a negative impact on the ecosystem and this is not an Icelandic cultural heritage - it is barbery and I refuse to visit Iceland because of that.

Whales are important to the marine ecosystem, they have feelings and we must respect them.

Whaling MUST stop.

regards

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Claire

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mercedes Gray-Radburn**

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

My name is Mercedes Macfarlane and I live in the UK. I have observed years of activism shining the light in the whaling carried out by Icelandic ships.

I am emailing to emphasise how important an anti-whaling bill is, which I fully endorse the Icelandic government to enact.

There are many reasons this bill must be put in place, namely;

- Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is an impractical endeavour. Many whales are pregnant, reducing the sustainability of it. The whales do not die instantly, prolonging pain and suffering which is illegal.
- 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, nor do visiting tourists.
- Whaling has had a detrimental impact on the nation's economy.

I have always wanted to visit your country, but I cannot do that whilst you continue to allow this barbaric act of animal cruelty. I hope the government finally comes to its senses.

Yours hopefully

M Macfarlane

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Cris Luna**

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

I am Cristina Gimeno Luna. Today is October 20th of 2023.

I'm sending this email because:

-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.

-It is not needed to keep hunting fin whales as they are not recovered from numbers before whaling started for the very first time.

Best regards.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Shannen Tunncliffe**

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

20-Oct-2023

Hello,

My name is Shannen Tunncliffe.

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed bill to ban whaling in Iceland. I believe that such a move is not only ethically responsible but also vital for the well-being of both our marine environment and the broader Icelandic society. I urge the Icelandic government to take a stand against whaling for the following reasons:

1. **Animal Welfare:** Whales are majestic and intelligent creatures, and it is impossible to maintain humane and ethical standards when it comes to killing such large and sentient beings. Whaling involves prolonged suffering for these animals, which raises ethical concerns.
2. **Ecosystem Importance:** Whales serve as vital carbon sinks and play a crucial role in fertilizing our oceans. By sequestering carbon and releasing nutrients into the marine ecosystem through their activities, they contribute to mitigating climate change and enhancing the overall health of our oceans.
3. **Cultural Heritage*** Whaling is not an integral part of Icelandic cultural heritage. In fact, it has been largely discontinued for decades and is not a defining aspect of the national identity.

4. Vanity Project: It is disheartening to see whaling persist as a vanity project for a single wealthy individual. This practice tarnishes Iceland's reputation and does not represent the values of society.

5. Public Opinion: The majority of the Icelandic public does not support the continuation of whaling. It is crucial for our government to listen to the voices of its citizens and make decisions that align with their values and concerns.

6. Economic Impact: Whaling has a negative impact on the economy. It has been demonstrated that whale watching and ecotourism are far more sustainable and profitable industries. Banning whaling would promote these eco-friendly alternatives, benefiting both the environment and the Icelandic economy.

Iceland has an opportunity to be a global leader in marine conservation by taking a progressive stance against whaling. By banning this practice, Iceland can show the world that they are committed to the ethical treatment of animals, the protection of our marine environment, and the promotion of sustainable industries that benefit the nation.

I kindly request that you consider these points as you deliberate on the bill to ban whaling. I believe that a future without whaling is not only desirable but also in the best interest of Iceland and the global community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a positive and responsible decision that aligns with the values and aspirations of the Icelandic people.

Sincerely,

Shannen Tunnicliffe

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **cowboy zone**

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

October 21, 2023

When I see a whale through any route, its beauty heals my heart.

I don't know exactly about Iceland, but do I have to make money by killing whales? Why the company should exist! I can't understand If they insist on catching whales for the purpose of corporate profit through legal procedures, I ask them to look for a different direction once again.

Song hun Kim

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Paul Terry**

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

Hello,

I am sending you this email as I would like you to know that I support the banning of whaling and I would like to add my name to this bill. We need to ensure the welfare of large whales and hunting them is impractical.

Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem and without them other marine life would cease to exist. Whaling has had a detrimental impact on your economy and is at odds with your cherished cultural heritage. I also believe that the majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I hope that you see fit to ban whaling.

Many thanks,

Paul Terry

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Cheryl Dean**

Please stop killing whales!

To all of the wonderful people in Iceland,

Please stop killing whales! They belong in the ocean, citizens of the world who bring joy to many and harm no one. There are so many other options for food, and it appears that not many people in Iceland eat whale meat to begin with. Whales provide so many benefits to the ocean ecosystem and to the overall health of the oceans, plus they have a right to exist. People had slaughtered them for hundreds of years, but I think that most of us have grown to understand that this was a tragedy. Please join the rest of the civilized world who respect these creatures. They are worth more alive than dead, and your eco-tourism and whale watching companies, and all of those which are related (hotels, restaurants, shops) will benefit if you allow these whales to live.

Thank you for considering our pleas!

Cheryl

Cheryl H. Dean, Esq.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lovely Warriors Of Friendship**

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

I, Cure Lovely, write to you on behalf of all Precure and Precureism.

- 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

But more importantly, WHALING IS MORALLY WRONG!

#thoushaltnotkill under any circumstances! There are absolutely NO reasons to ever justify the taking of life!

All life is precious and must be protected!

Kindness and compassion must reign supreme!

Sincerely,

Aino Megumi, Goddess of Love

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Simon Michl**

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

22.10.23

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today to express my deep concerns regarding the ongoing whaling activities in Iceland. Whales are remarkable marine creatures, playing a vital role in our oceans' delicate balance, and I believe they deserve our global protection.

Whaling has, in the past, caused severe harm to whale populations and raised ethical and ecological concerns that cannot be ignored. There is a growing body of evidence highlighting these issues.

I implore you to please take immediate action to halt whaling in Iceland and actively support efforts to protect whales and our marine ecosystems. The international community, as well as countless individuals worldwide, place great value on the conservation of our oceans and the creatures that inhabit them.

Sustainable, environmentally friendly alternatives to whaling exist and can provide economic opportunities for the region. I hope Iceland can take a leading role in marine conservation.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request that whaling in Iceland comes to an end.

Sincerely,

Simon Michl

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Simon Michl**

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

Call for an End to Whaling in Iceland

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,

Sebastian Kaiser

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Simon Michl**

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

Urgent Appeal to Halt Whaling in Iceland

Dear People of Iceland

I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding whaling activities in Iceland. Whales are majestic marine creatures that play a crucial role in the ecosystem and deserve protection worldwide.

Whaling has had significant impacts on whale populations in the past, raising concerns about the conservation of endangered species. There is a growing body of evidence pointing to ecological and ethical issues associated with whaling.

I urge you to please put an end to whaling in Iceland and actively work towards the protection of whales and our oceans. The international community and many individuals worldwide value the preservation of the marine environment and its inhabitants.

There are sustainable and eco-friendly alternatives to whaling that can support the economic interests of the region. I hope Iceland takes the opportunity to position itself as a leader in marine conservation.

I thank you for your attention and implore you to take action to halt whaling in Iceland.

Sincerely,

Karl Simon

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Paul**

"Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum." Dated: 20 October 2023:

Dated: 20 October 2023

From: Dr. Paul Simon ,
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England, U.K

Dear Icelandic Government Representative,

Consider that my Email letter is regarding the anti-whaling bill being looked at in your government's parliament.

I am a supporter of animal rights, and of the Captain Paul Watson Foundation. I love Cetacean animals such as whales

and dolphins. It disgusts me to know that your country has allowed them to be hunted in recent times in the 21st century.

I read about the temporary block on whaling that was put in place this year and am saddened to hear it was not permanent. Many people despise the practice, for example which is also carried out by the Faroese and the Japanese. It harms your reputation and deters people in my camp that oppose the practice of the killing of Cetacean species that whales and dolphins are part of (I see them as our cousins, as I do primates) from visiting your nation as a tourist. I would never visit any nation that supports or allows this practice. The Faroe Islands and Japan are places crossed from my list of destinations that I

would ever consider visiting and spending my money in. I have yet to visit your nation but it really deters me when your

nation still allows whaling to go ahead. It is a practice that is unnecessary, you don't need it for sustenance surely? We live

in a global economy and there are many sources of food available in this modern age, which really does go without needing to be said.

You must be aware that as a movement against the whaling, people such as my self strongly support The Captain Paul Watson Foundation's approach and you will see our resistance to whaling should it continue in your region.

Please don't let your country be negatively impacted from negative press publicity regarding this important issue. A lot

of people, a great many, support this anti-whaling law that should be passed post haste.

End whaling and promote this in the British, Australian, Canadian and U.S press. I am sure many people will flock to

visit a progressive nation that has the fortitude and foresight to do this.

How much potential revenue will be lost from the potential tourists that you would deter who will boycott your nation if

you don't?

Please heed this Email and also reply to it promptly.

I and many other people are waiting for the result with abated breath...

In conclusion, the key points to consider here are:

-Ensuring the welfare of 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 particular wealthy Icelandic individual that runs a whaling vessel.

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

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

Faithfully,

Dr. Paul Simon

England, U.K

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **William Newton**

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

From: William C. Newton, Jr.

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

In support of whales and the legislation to protect all whales

Dear nefndasvid

I have been to Iceland several times. The times there were during periods when Iceland temporarily stopped killing whales. If you do not stop the slaughter of the whales, I will never return to Iceland. I will also encouraged others to avoid Iceland.

In the past when it appeared that Iceland would stop the barbaric whaling, my family would stop over in Iceland on our way to Europe and take advantage of the Icelandic Airline offer of a stop over. Given our experience with the airplane stop overs we decide to spend more time in Iceland which we have done and look forward to many more visits especially stopping on our trips to and from other European countries. We would like to continue stopping in Iceland for three days before going on to Brussels and other European locations. We just returned from a whale watching trip in California and hope to do a whale watching trip in Iceland. But that depends on you and your decision. I enjoy Iceland very much but I support whales much more. I cannot visit, support, or recommend places that participates in the killing of whales and dolphins.

Please pass legislation to protect the whales.

Sincerely,

William C. Newton, Jr.

California, USA

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **james ayling**

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

To whom it may concern.

We are living in an age where farmers are rewilding their lands, manufacturers are switching to renewable, big cats and predatory birds are being reintroduced, seabeds are being seeded with new kelp forests and sea grasses to create nurseries for struggling marine species.

These things are not happening because of greed or glory; they are driven by an overwhelming need to correct the imbalance we have created in our eco system.

We have shed our old traditions of trophy hunting in the same way we have shed other brutal traditions of the past; capital punishment and beating our children. Our society has moved into a more humanitarian era.

It is OK to eradicate even the most widely practised traditions when society evolves and realises those traditions are wrong.

Our society can and is changing; we can deliver a brighter future.

Whaling has to stop. Be on the right side of history.

Kind Regards

James Ayling

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rebecca Aguilar**

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

Hi,

My name is Rebecca Aguilar, and I am emailing you to urge you to pass the bill to ban whaling in Iceland. I speak for thousands of people around the world, that desperately wish for whaling to end in Iceland.

Over 50% of Icelandic citizens don't support whaling, and the horrible practice continues because of ONE man, Kristin Loftsson. Whales are imperative to the environment, they fight climate change by storing carbon away for hundreds of years, and they help produce phytoplankton which also generates oxygen and captures carbon.

Whales are also inhumanely killed, with up to four harpoons...they bleed to death over the course of an hour.

The whale meat isn't even consumed by Icelandic people but it's exported to Japan, to be sold on their dwindling market and sold in vending machines.

Please please ban whaling..

Rebecca

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Rebecca Aguilar | Marketing Director |

Expose the truth. Protect the Planet.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Kelly Simons**

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

Ms Kelly Simons

20th October 2023

May I please urge you to pass the Anti-Whaling Bill.

Taking this action would put the Icelandic Parliament in a unique position for protecting the marine environment and cement Iceland as a leader combatting climate change.

Your groundbreaking legislation is on the brink of putting an end to whaling in Iceland, along with providing vital protection to the majestic whales under local wildlife laws.

Iceland benefits massively from the tourism industry, with many visitors aiming to experience an encounter with whales in Icelandic waters.

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 and reputation

Ensuring the welfare of large whales while hunting them is impractical and unachievable.

I trust the Icelandic Parliament to do the right thing for the whales, the environment and for all the Icelandic nationals who oppose these barbaric and cruel hunts.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this

Warm Regards

Kelly Simons

Let's protect our magnificent sea giants! 🌍🐳 IS

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tim Larson**

End whaling in Iceland

To whom it may concern, I believe that when you abuse animals anywhere that you offend good people everywhere. Iceland is better than that. Please do whatever it takes to stop that atrocious man from killing more whales for his own twisted pleasure he sure doesn't need the money... Thank You.

I intend to follow this issue as long as it takes and I have talked to my local fish shop- they sell 400kg of Icelandic cod every week... and they assured me that will be following up with their supplier to make sure they are not selling and of Kristian Lofftsons' company fish.

Tim Larson

Cloverdale CA

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Renée Allan**

Umsögn vio 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveioum.

Dear Parliament,

Please stop whale banning once and for all.

Whales are sentient beings and are very very intelligent, they are not meant to be hunted and slaughtered.

Please stop this horrific practice.

Thank you very much for your time,

Renée

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Holly Shakespeare**

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

Hello,

I am writing to you to encourage you to ban whaling in Iceland. There are many reasons, such as:

- 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.

Day by day, the entire world is becoming more aware of the damage we as humans are doing to the earth, and its inhabitants. The ocean is such an important and crucial part of our ecosystem, life on earth, and our lives. Whales are a living creature which should be treated with respect and left alone.

The whole world is watching Iceland closely, all hoping you do the right thing and ban whaling once and for all.

Holly Shakespeare

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Freya Slavinski**

Hvalveiðar

Banna hvalveiðar.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Martha Buckler**

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

Hi,

I'm writing to talk about whaling in Iceland. In this day and age there is no need to consume whale meat. There are hundreds of readily available alternatives that don't provide the environmental devastation that whaling causes. Whales are facing extreme threats from every angle as a result of human activity, banning whaling would take one pressure off. People may say that whaling should carry on as a tradition, there's no room and no need for environmentally destructive traditions in today's world. You have the power to save thousands of precious whale lives and countless lives of the animals that depend on these key stone species. If you have that power and throw it away, the generations to come will know you as the people that lost whales for profit and that weight will forever be on you.

Yours faithfully

Martha Buckler

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marina Tadeo**

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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Marina Tadeo and I am Mexican. As a citizen of the world , I demand that Iceland's government bans whaling once and for all.

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

Hoping Iceland sees what is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Marina Tadeo

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Michael Lee**

hvalabann

Hi, to whom it may concern,

With kindness I plead with you to not renew Kristjon Loftsson's permit to hunt these majestic beautiful creatures of the world. We need to preserve all wildlife and our oceans are the most important of all. Please, please 🙏 do not allow him to hunt and kill whales and sea life anymore. Enough is enough. The world needs to stop these horrible cruel pointless harmful practices and destruction of the beautiful oceans we are all so blessed to have around us.

With kindness and love. I plead. Please. Don't renew his contract 🕊

Warmest regards

Michael Stroop

Australia.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Dave Peach**

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

Dear Sirs

I write to respectfully request that licences for whaling are not granted.

Locally and globally we need to care for our seas and the life within them. Survival of whales and all sea life is vital to sustainability of life on our planet.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Peach, UK.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Fernanda Echeverria**

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

I am respectfully writing to you to ask that the whale killing is banned and prohibited.

Times have change and we have to learn to evolve as human beings and understand that new ways are much needed to co-habit with other species on Planet Earth.

It is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales, because whales are of utmost importance to the marine ecosystems.

The majority of the Icelandic public do not support the whaling practices and besides, as far as I am concerned, 'whaling' is not part of the Icelandic heritage.

Iceland must stop this 'business' that enriches only one man and no one else.

Please, Sir.

We beg you to help stop this massacre.

Thank you for reading my email

Best regards

L. F. Echeverría

Mexico MX

I am respectfully to you

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- * Whales are important to the marine ecosystem
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- * Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man
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20. október 2023

Frá/from: **MR**

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

Hello,

Oct 20, 2023

My name is Melanie. I live in Canada and I'm reaching out to you in support of the Anti-Whaling Bill that your Government is considering. It has been extremely difficult to watch the horrific and cruel whaling practices that have taken place in Iceland in recent months.

In my opinion, there are several reasons why this bill should be passed. Here are a couple of the main ones: Whales are such an important component to marine ecosystems. This has been proven time and again. Our Earth is in such a fragile state - we should be doing everything we can to prevent more harm. Banning the hunting of fin whales in Icelandic waters is a huge step in preserving the oceans. In addition to that the tortuous death these animals experience at the hands of hunters is outrageous. It's 2023...there is no excuse for animal abuse and suffering.

Thank you,

Melanie T.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marina Tadeo**

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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Marina Tadeo and I am Mexican. As a citizen of the world, I demand that Iceland's government bans whaling once and for all. Here are a few reasons why it is vital to do so:

- * 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 demand a revocation of the whaling license and that these brutal killings be stopped and banned once and for all. Hoping Iceland sees what is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Marina Tadeo

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Pablo Blanco Rodriguez**

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

October, 20th 2023

Dear all,

I am writing to you to advocate for the welfare of our majestic whales. Sadly, whales are under threat due to activities such as commercial whaling, plastic pollution, and oil spills. Whaling in Iceland has sadly evolved into a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual. It is our collective responsibility to protect these magnificent creatures and their habitats to ensure their continued existence in our oceans.

Let us join hands and take actions such as supporting whale conservation organizations, reducing plastic usage, and advocating for laws that protect whales. We must do everything we can to ensure the health and welfare of these gentle giants.

Let us be the voices of these magnificent animals and work towards a brighter future for them. The welfare of our whales is crucial, and we must do everything to protect them.

Yours sincerely,

Pablo Blanco

20. október 2023

Frá/from: Y G

Please Do Not renew the permit to Kill whales!!!!!!!!!!

> Please, do not allow the killing of whales! Tjis is inhumane and wrong!

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> Best,

> Gina Goldenberg

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **hannah robinson**

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

ÉG heiti HANNAH! DAGSETNING ER 20. OKTÓBER 2023! ÉG STEND MEÐ HVALNUM!

Þú ert að DREPA þessar greyið saklausu verur! Þú ert að eyðileggja sjávarkerfið og plánetuna með því að láta þessa óafsakanlegu menn drepa! Blóðið er í höndunum á þér!!!!

Einhverjar helstu ástæðurnar fyrir því að hætta þessu Cuel athöfn!

Það er óframkvæmanlegt að tryggja velferð stórra hvala á meðan þeir veiða þá.

-Hvalir gegna mikilvægu hlutverki við að viðhalda blómlegu vistkerfi sjávar.

-Hvalveiðar eru á skjön við dýrmætan menningararf Íslendinga.

-Hvalveiðar á Íslandi hafa því miður þróast í persónulegt hégómaverkefni fyrir auðugan einstakling.

-Meirihluti Íslendinga styður ekki áframhald hvalveiða.

-Hvalveiðar hafa haft skaðleg áhrif á efnahag þjóðarinnar.

Í þágu framtíðar barna minna ... ég bið þig vinsamlegast hættu

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jamie Kordack**

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

End Whaling in Iceland! is 🇮🇸

From: Jamie Kordack, East Brookfield, MA, USA.

20 October 2023.

Here is my input- I'm in New England and Iceland is very close and where I'd like to vacation next. I've flown through Reykjavik, but never stayed.

An anti-whaling bill is currently before Iceland's parliament. This would be the most groundbreaking legislation. You have the ability to put an end to whaling in Iceland, providing vital protection to these majestic whales and other marine creatures.

Because:

- Hunting large whales is an impractical endeavor.
- Whales play a vital role in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Whaling in Iceland is not culture but a personal vanity project for a wealthy individual.
- The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling.
- Whaling is murder of a critical species.

Please, End Whaling in Iceland! is 🇮🇸

Thank you,

Jamie and Vincent Kordack

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Yurii Kaile**

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

Dear Madam, Sir,

I beg you to terminate the whaling license of Kristjan Loftsson. Whales are incredibly smart and social species, they don't deserve to be slaughtered and should instead be protected like we would protect someone we cherish.

With kind regards,

Yurii Uhlanov

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Angela Passafaro**

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

To Whom it May Concern,

10/20/2023

I, like the majority of the Icelandic public, do not support the continuation of whaling. Whales are important to the marine ecosystem, and it is impossible to maintain a healthy ecosystem / ensure animal welfare while continuing whaling.

I emphatically support the anti-whaling bill and ending Icelandic whaling.

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Thank you,

Angie Passafaro Clarke

20. október 2023

Frá/from: Israel Gonzalez

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

Please do not renew the whaling license for Kristjan Loftsson. He is actively adding to the destruction of the species and must be stopped. Please, please, please do not renew his whaling license. For the sake of our planet.

Thank you for your time.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Anna Siviero**

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

Please stop whaling now. Whaling is a barbaric practice that should be forbidden once for all.

Whales are fundamental for the marine ecosystem and essential for the survival of the planet. They are precious, intelligent animals that need to be protected.

Please make it stop now!

Anna Siviero

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Álvaro**

Stop Whaling

Góða nótt. Ég skrifa frá Spáni til að biðja þig af virðingu um að banna hvalveiðar. Ég var í þínu landi í júní og það er besti staður sem ég hef nokkurn tíma komið á. Virðing fyrir jörðinni og náttúrunni, þessi glæpur getur ekki haldið áfram. Þakka þér fyrir. Kveðja.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Tig Tomkinson**

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

I would like to endorse my support for the Icelandic Anti Whaling Bill.

Whales have an intrinsic right to life and ensuring their welfare while hunting them is impossible. There are reports this season of fin whales suffering inhumanely with one reported to have suffered 5 hours of agony before death. Hopefully, this inhumane and senseless suffering can end soon with the passing of this bill. Hunting such beautiful creatures in any situation, clearly does not comply with Iceland's Animal Welfare regulations, and, therefore, it is time for change!

Iceland is a beautiful place but whaling has a detrimental effect on its economy with many tourists not wishing to visit while the violent and unjustified killing of these wild, sentient beings continues. My self and my family are amongst the many who sadly will not visit until the whaling ends.

The passing of this bill is Iceland's chance to show the world that it recognises the importance these creatures bring to our fragile eco system and slaughtering them is an out of date tradition that only profits the few.

I hope, one day, to visit and see these creatures free from the threat of the mindless few that chose to destroy them for profit.

King regards

Tig Tomkinson. 20 October 2023



20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Orianne Weir**

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

Til þess er málið varðar,

Vinsamlegast, vinsamlegast ekki endurnýja 5 ára leyfi Kristjáns Loftssonar til að veiða langreyði og banna honum að stunda hvalveiðar!

Okkur skilst að 90% af langreyðarkjöti Loftssonar sé selt til Japans þar sem neysla hvalkjöts á Íslandi hefur minnkað verulega.

Hvalir standa frammi fyrir svo mörgum ógnum daglega; iðnaðarveiðar (flækja og drukkna) hafmengun, fósturdauði, sónarprófanir, skipaáföll o.s.frv. Við biðjum þig um að binda enda á þessi óþarfa, hrottalegu morð. Það er ómannúðlegt. Kjötið er hlaðið eitruðu kvikasilfri og ætti ekki að neyta þess!

Velferð þessara dýra og vernd er þörf og löngu tímabært. Vistkerfi hafsins okkar eru háð blómlegum stofnum.

Heimurinn er reiður yfir því að hvaladráp skuli enn eiga sér stað og leyfilegt á Íslandi. Þetta voðaverk er ekki hluti af Íslandssögunni.

Efnahags- og viðskiptasambönd Íslands eru í hættu þar sem ferðaþjónusta mun halda áfram að dragast saman. Margir kvikmyndagerðarmenn, leikarar og leikkonur heita því að stoppa aldrei fæti í fallega eylandi þínu.

Við vonum og biðjum svo sannarlega að Ísland sanni fyrir heiminum að þú ert leiðandi í sjávarvernd.

Þakka þér fyrir umhyggjusöm og vinsamlega tillitssemi.

Kind Regards,

Orianne Weir

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Esperanza Hill**

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

Please ban whaling once and for all

Thank you

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Victoria Marsh**

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

Victoria Marsh

Tyne & Wear

United Kingdom

20 Oct 23

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my upmost support for the anti-whaling bill. Please protect these animals under local wild-life laws. You must ban whaling for good and protect these intelligent, beautiful creatures. Reason to ban whaling include but are not limited too:

- * 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

I would love to visit Iceland but while this barbaric, outdated atrocity is allowed to continue by your government I cannot support tourism in your country. Please please listen to the rest of the world and ban whaling for good.

Regards

Victoria Marsh

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **oceantrash surfart**

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

October 20th, 2023

Dearest Sir/Madam

We can give you a million reasons to stop whaling but we won't. All we ask for is to please make sure that whaling will end for good.

Our deepest thanks on behalf of The Netherlands, the milky way and beyond,

Marieke Meijs

www.OceanTrash.nl<<http://www.surfartnetherlands.com/>>

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Brianne Philippe-Belisle**

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

Hello,

My name is Brianne Philippe-Belisle, I am writing to you on October 20, 2023.

Here are some of the reasons whaling should be banned:

- 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 411 12 18.

Personally, I am shocked that we allow this to continue. The ocean is not privately owned, the whales are no one's property. Why is this allowed?

Please ban whaling.

Thank you,

Brianne Philippe-Belisle

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lavinia Jean-Francois**

Ban whaling !

Ban whaling once and for all and repeal Kristjan Loftsson's permit!

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

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Marcus Werner Hed**

Whale Hunting and interview request

Hello,

We're currently in production on a documentary film about interspecies communication, and we'd love to talk to you in an interview about your reasons for continuing whale hunting in Iceland, particularly since you export the meat to Japan.

I'm happy to do an introductory chat over Zoom, or Google meets to talk more about this prior to a proper sit-down interview.

Let me know if you are willing to sit down for an interview like this, I think it's important in the film to get a voice to the people who still advocate the killing of whales for sport and money and since you are one of the few nations in the world who do this your voice should be heard.

Look forward to talking to you.

Yours

Marcus Werner Hed

Producer & Director

Willow Glen Films

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Alice Seagrave**

Umsögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ýmsum

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the renewal of the whaling permit, due to be considered in December.

I don't need to explain what a catastrophic domino effect whaling has on an already unstable marine ecology and dwindling sea life. You will know that whaling plays a large part in accelerating the effects of climate change by decreasing the number of whales that can lock into the ocean.

This year the North Sea experienced an unprecedented heatwave. I have lived on the coast of the North Sea all my life, and to see a rapid and damaging change fills me with worry and anger.

To know this is in part caused by our neighbors in the North Atlantic and Norwegian Sea is infuriating. No matter what we do, you are playing a major role on the destruction of my environment as well as your own and in turn, that of the world.

Internationally, I'm sure you know that the whaling industry is seen as backwards, archaic, cruel and inhumane. Iceland is a beautiful country rich in culture, history and natural wonder. In allowing whaling to continue, you smear your own name and damage the international reputation of your country. In this, Iceland will only be known as archaic, backwards, cruel and inhumane unless you stop.

Do not renew the whaling permit.

Alice Seagrave-Hindmarch

North Shields, UK

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Inayah V**

umsögn við 99 mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vengja banns við hvalveidum

To the esteemed members of Iceland's Parliament,

Please deny Loftsson's whaling license permit. Whaling for any reason is a terrible practice harming the ocean's delicate ecosystem. When done for the harvest of fins, it is an especially tragic and needless death to these amazing animals.

Thank you,

Inayah Cooley

20. oktober 2023

Frá/from: **roy vanderbosch**

Stop killing whales

Please stop killing whales. We need them more than ever. The oceans need this beautiful creators. I won't visited your country of this barbaric hunt. I like your country , but I will only come when this will end. Please act and stop this.

I share this barbaric hunts in the Netherlands and a lot of people are angry. This must stop now!

Thanks

Verstuurd vanaf mijn iPhone

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **lang dani**

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

Please stop whaling once and for all.

There is no bigger cruelty.

Thank you

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Gianni Berardi**

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

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Mary Meldrum**

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

Dear Icelandic government,

It is with great earnest that I am writing to you concerning the upcoming vote regarding whaling.

I'm a big proponent of animal welfare. I believe that humans have "decided" that the murder of innocent animals is their "right".

It's not. Animals are our fellow earthlings. They were here first and they deserve respect and protection.

Aside from the welfare of animals - and especially whales in this case - most humans do not feel that this butchering of marine mammals is humane or necessary. Additionally, it is not part of Icelandic history.

Continuing to butcher whales puts a very negative spotlight on your country. That type of world attention could impact economic and business relations in a bad way.

I'm sure you are aware of the importance of whales to the marine ecosystems.

Finally, Iceland has an opportunity now to become a world leader in marine protection. Iceland can become a champion for all marine life.

Please do not renew your whaling permits. Take a big step in the right direction for your country and for humanity.

Mary Meldrum

Michigan

Animal welfare

Public opinion

Not part of Icelandic history

Economic & business relations in danger

Importance of whales to marine ecosystems

Iceland should be a leader in marine protection

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **David Graham**

Umsögen vio99. mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu à ymsum lögum vegna banns við hvalveiðum

To the right and honourable members of the Icelandic parliament.

Please ban whaling once and for all and repeal all whaling permits including that of Kristjan Loftsson.

Vertu blessaður,

David Graham

United Kingdom

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Delaney Stokes**

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

To whom it may concern,

Please, please don't renew Kristján Loftsson's 5-year license to hunt whales and permanently ban him from whaling!

We understand that 90% of Loftsson's whale meat is sold to Japan, as the consumption of whale meat in Iceland has decreased significantly.

Whales face so many threats daily; industrial fishing (entanglement and drowning) ocean pollution, fetal death, sonar tests, ship strikes, etc. We ask you to put an end to these unnecessary, brutal killings. It is inhumane. The meat is loaded with toxic mercury and should not be consumed!

The welfare of these animals and protection is needed and long overdue. Our ocean ecosystems depend on thriving populations.

The world is angry that whale killing still takes place and is allowed in Iceland. This atrocity is not part of Iceland's history.

Iceland's economic and trade relations are at risk as tourism will continue to decline. Many filmmakers, actors and actresses vow to never set foot in your beautiful island country.

We truly hope and pray that Iceland proves to the world that you are a leader in marine conservation.

Thank you for your caring and kind consideration.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **tala mansour**

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

Hello

Stop whaling please

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

Please stop kill them

Tala MANSOUR

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Olivia Bonner**

Umsogn vio 99. mal, frumvarp til laga um breytingu a ymsum logum vegna banns vio hvalveioum

I'm emailing to express my support for Iceland to ban whaling and repeal Kristjan Loftsson's permit.

Thank you,

Olivia Bonner

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Jacqueline Page**

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

Please save the whales!!! It's 2023!

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Rachel Hookham**

Umsögn vio 99. Mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu à ymsum lögum vegna banns vio hvalveiðium

I am sending this email from Australia to urge the Iceland government to please ban whaling once and for all.

As the growing awareness and movement of protecting our environment, wildlife and ecosystems is only getting bigger these issues are going to be gaining international attention and the pressure will be on governments to listen to the vast majority of people. Respectfully Iceland can't afford to wait 5 years the world is watching now.

Whale meat is massively declining, the cruel practice is unnecessary.

Please do not renew this licence.

I would love to visit Iceland as a whaling-free country in the very near future.

Kind regards

Rachel Hookham

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Lisa Eaglen**

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

Dear Sirs,

May I respectfully request that Iceland ban whaling as these amazing mammals are essential to biodiversity and health of this planets oceans.

What happens with whale hunting in Iceland doesn't stay in Iceland but damages the whole of this planets whale populations and oceanic life as a result as Whales travel large distances through our oceans worldwide.

Whales (and orca and dolphins) face so many threats from mankind already by seismic testing, ingesting toxic pollution from our chemicals that we so carelessly put into the earth that then migrate into our streams, rivers and ultimately the oceans, oil spills, sewage, plastic rubbish, krill fishing and general over-fishing, ghost nets, noise pollution from shipping & underwater exploration, military activity, ship strikes, (captivity for orca & dolphins that cannot provide family or communication for their natural behaviours and global travel) and if that isn't enough warming of the oceans and disruption to their natural food sources.

Can we not as human beings please start to make a conscious choice to give back to this planet & it's oceans rather than keep taking from it?

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Eaglen, uk.

21st October 2023.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Danette Zachary**

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

Members of Parliament ~
October 20, 2023

Please put an end to whaling for good. Whales play a vital part in maintaining a thriving marine ecosystem. The majority of Icelanders do not support the continuation of whaling, nor does the rest of the world. We should not cater to the selfish desires of a wealthy individual at the expense of the welfare of marine life and a healthy planet for all. If the oceans die, we die. I strongly endorse this crucial bill and encourage you to support it as well to protect majestic whales under local wildlife laws. Thank you.

Sincerely ~

Danette R. Zachary

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20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Arieana Gracia**

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

With the upcoming approval decision for Kristjan Loftsson's whaling license renewal, I am sure the Parliament has heard from many people regarding the Loftsson controversy . However, with the potential severity of the situation, I cannot stay silent with my thoughts on the situation. I feel like someone's source of income shouldn't be the deciding factor for a decision that has the potential to severely impact an entire ecosystem. If Kristjan Loftsson's whaling license gets renewed, the fin whales population will only continue to dwindle, causing detriment to the ocean and eventually the planet as a whole. Being one of the last countries in the world that still allows commercial whaling is disgraceful, but I hope Iceland changes that by not renewing Kristjan Loftsson's whaling license. Since 90% of Loftsson's whale meat is sold to Japan, where whaling is also legal, the lack of demand in Iceland should call for the end of whaling in Iceland.

20. október 2023

Frá/from: **Elvira Saenz**

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 Kristjan Loftsson's license to hunt whales in Iceland. As a concerned global citizen, I implore you to reconsider this decision due to the numerous ethical, environmental, and economic reasons that make whaling an unsustainable and harmful practice.

Endangerment of Whale Species:

The continued hunting of whales endangers various species, many of which are already classified as endangered or vulnerable. This activity puts these majestic creatures at risk of extinction.

Ecosystem Impact:

Whales are integral to marine ecosystems. Their removal from the food chain can disrupt the balance and health of our oceans, leading to unforeseen consequences for the entire ecosystem.

Declining Demand:

The demand for whale meat has seen a dramatic decline in recent years. Continuing whaling makes little economic sense, as there is a lack of public interest in consuming whale meat.

Ethical Concerns:

Whaling raises profound ethical questions about the treatment of these highly intelligent and sentient animals. The methods used in whaling are often cruel and inhumane.

International Stance:

The international community has been moving towards greater protection of whales, with many nations embracing bans on whaling activities. Iceland's continued participation in whaling goes against this global trend.

Last Whaler:

Kristjan Loftsson is often referred to as the last whaler. This is a clear indication that whaling is not a common practice and should not be upheld, especially when it involves such a beautiful and iconic species.

I kindly request that you take these arguments into account when deciding whether to renew Mr. Loftsson's license for whaling in Iceland. By doing so, you can help preserve marine ecosystems, protect these magnificent creatures, and align Iceland's policies with international conservation efforts.

I urge you to consider the long-term consequences of continuing whaling and to explore more sustainable alternatives for both the environment and the Icelandic economy. Your decision will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the welfare of whales and the global perception of Iceland's commitment to wildlife preservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elvira