

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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Eftirfarandi 27 tölvupóstar með athugasemdum eða umsögnum voru móttæknir milli 1. og 20. nóvember 2023

Fjarlægðar voru tengiliðaupplýsingar og hlekkir.

1. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Gulnara Zhdanova**

Hello, I am against killing whales. Gulnara Zhdanova, Russia

1. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Айбек Дияров**

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

I support a ban on whale hunting! whales are the smartest animals and should not be killed!

1. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Илья Артемов**

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

Hello, my name is Ilya. Please pass a law banning the destruction of whales. The destruction of whales disgraces your country. Don't allow these animals to be treated this way. It's time to take measures to preserve this species. Please hear me!!!

1. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: Ögren

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

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from France to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Erik Ögren

2. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **green armada**

Whaling policy in Iceland

Dear,

I'm writing this email in the hope that whaling will finally be banned in Iceland. It is time for conservation to be a priority.

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.

Awaiting for your feedback

With best regards

Olivier Cheyrezy - Président

Green Armada

2. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Зимфира Боброва**

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

I support a ban on whale hunting because it goes against the principles of the civilized world.

Zimfira Bobrova

November 2, 2023

Отправлено из мобильного приложения Яндекс Почты

2. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Марина Малышева**

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

Hello! My name is Malysheva Marina and I am writing to express my deep concern for the magnificent creatures known as whales and to implore you to advocate for their conservation by introducing a complete ban on their merciless slaughter.

Whales have long captivated the hearts and imaginations of people around the world with their awe-inspiring beauty and immense grace. They are truly monsters of the deep, embodying a sense of sublime majesty unmatched in the animal kingdom. Their presence in our oceans is akin to poetry in motion, a living testimony to the wonders of our natural world.

However, I am sad to tell you that these gentle giants are facing an alarming threat to their very existence. The relentless hunting and killing of whales, driven by commercial interests and an insatiable thirst for profit, casts a dark shadow over the future of these magnificent creatures and a dark shadow over all of Iceland!

We must not allow this merciless attack on their population to continue unchecked. It is our moral duty as stewards of this fragile planet to ensure the protection of these extraordinary creatures. By enacting a comprehensive and unequivocal ban on their slaughter, we will send a loud message to the world: the magnificent whales, these gentle giants of the deep, will be protected, cherished and celebrated for future generations.

Whale conservation goes beyond simple conservation. This is a testament to our ability to move beyond selfish interests and take collective responsibility for preserving the biodiversity of our fragile ecosystems. By protecting whales, we preserve living evidence of the ever-elusive harmony between humanity and nature.

I implore you, the valued recipient of this letter, to lend your powerful voice to the whale protection movement. Let us show the compassion and wisdom needed to banish the shadows of destruction and allow these majestic creatures to continue to grace our oceans with their ethereal presence.

May future generations remember us not for our indifference, but for our unwavering commitment to protecting those living beings who share this planet with us.

Sincerely :

Malysheva M. A

3. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Damien Estago**

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

Dated: 03 November 2023

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 disperse 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.

Damien Estago

Victoria, AUSTRALIA

3. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Nataliia Postovalova**

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

Dear Sirs,

Please stop killing whales 🙏 they deserve to live their lives, they are mammals like us with social bonds within their community and family.

Best wishes, Natalia Postovalova

03.11.2023

4. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: 結衣 桜井

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

I am writing to you with a request to support the initiative to ban whaling in Iceland. This is an important issue that deserves our attention and action, and I would like to present you with several arguments in favor of this idea.

Firstly, whaling in Iceland has serious ecological consequences. Whales are unique and vital parts of the ocean ecosystem. They play a role in balancing the marine food chain and help in managing the population of some fish species that are important food sources for humanity. Whaling can disrupt this balance and have negative consequences for the marine environment.

Secondly, whaling raises concerns among animal rights advocates. Whales are intelligent and social creatures, deserving of respect and protection. Whaling causes suffering and death to many individuals, subjecting them to prolonged and agonizing deaths, which contradicts the norms of animal welfare and marine ecology.

Furthermore, it is important to emphasize that whaling practices often lead to whales dying in excruciating pain, which is inhumane and morally unacceptable. These magnificent creatures can suffer for extended periods before succumbing to their injuries. Such practices are at odds with our society's evolving understanding of animal welfare and compassion.

Thirdly, a ban on whaling can help Iceland enhance its image in the eyes of the global community. Many countries and organizations recognize the importance of whale conservation and have imposed bans on whaling. Joining these efforts can help Iceland demonstrate its commitment to environmental conservation and animal welfare.

Finally, it is worth noting that whale-watching tourism can be a significant source of income for the country. Banning whaling can contribute to the development of this industry and attract tourists who wish to see these amazing creatures in their natural habitat.

In conclusion, banning whaling in Iceland has many advantages, including ecological, ethical, and economic benefits. It can help preserve unique marine species, eliminate inhumane practices, and make a positive contribution to the conservation of our natural world. I hope that you will support this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Mikliaeva Eva

04.11.2023

4. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Микляева Ева**

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

I am writing to you with an urgent request to support efforts to ban whaling in Iceland. This issue is of great significance and deserves our attention. I would like to present you with additional arguments in favor of this initiative.

The first and most crucial argument is the threat to the extinction of certain whale species. Some species, such as the North Atlantic right whale and the northern fin whale, are at risk of extinction. Whaling increases the risk of population decline and the loss of species that play a vital role in marine ecosystems.

The second argument concerns the negative impact on the ecosystem. Whales play a key role in balancing the marine food chain. Their presence helps control the populations of other marine organisms, including fish, which is essential for the sustainability of fisheries. Whaling can disrupt this balance, leading to overpopulation of certain fish species, ultimately endangering marine resources.

The third argument relates to the toxicity of whale meat. Whale meat can contain high levels of heavy metals and organic pollutants, such as mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Consuming such meat can pose health risks to humans, and it often enters the market disguised as other seafood, creating risks for consumers.

The fourth argument revolves around the lack of economic viability. In most cases, whaling in Iceland yields only marginal financial returns, while tourism related to whale-watching in their natural habitat can bring far greater benefits to the country.

Lastly, it is important to consider the shifting societal perspective on animal rights and animal welfare issues. Many countries and organizations acknowledge the necessity of respecting and protecting whales, and they have implemented bans on whaling. Joining

these efforts can help Iceland demonstrate its commitment to abiding by international standards in this regard.

A ban on whaling in Iceland has numerous arguments in its favor, including the preservation of endangered species, the protection of marine ecosystems, safeguarding human health, and the promotion of sustainable tourism. It also aligns with evolving societal awareness of animal rights and marine ecology. I hope that you will support this important movement.

Sincerely,

Alexey Mareev 04.11.2023

4. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Philippe LEONARDI**

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

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (Finistere in France) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Philippe LEONARDI

5. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Doctor Sementsov**

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

Hi, I'm a medical doctor Vadim Sementsov from Russia. It's Now 4 2023 today. I'm kindly ask you to stop whale hunting. The whale have being playing an important role in ecosystem of our planet. Please stop killing them!

Regards

MD Ph. D Vadim Sementsov

5. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Britta**

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

November 5, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from Germany to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Britta

5. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Anna Gutsaluk**

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

Good evening! I just read a post about whale hunting company. Please prohibite this cruel practice. It is important for the planet and its survival.

thank you

Anna Gutsaluk

Monaco,

6. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Yuliya Lyoxina**

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

Hello,

I am writing to beg you to stop eating and selling whale meat, since God made them so huge so that people would not be able to kill them, but technology now allows it to be done and it is unnatural, technology now allows us to grow food, let the ecosystem figure it out on its own, this is not your task and this is not hunger, but whim and business, please listen to the world.

Send you love

Thank you,

Yuliya Lyoxina

6. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **kim ashill-ross**

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

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from the United Kingdom to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Kim Ashill Ross

6. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Марина Сторчак**

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

Hello!

I support the ban on whale hunting because killing them is barbaric!! This animal has strong social ties with its relatives, most of the world, except for humans, is a poet and learns the songs of other cats, tries to infect itself, no matter what, and mourns in case of loss. Killing them can surely be equated to killing a person, just as this animal is intelligent! Please introduce a ban on their fishing to prevent further killings.

Storchak Marina

06.11.2023

7. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Chiara Delfini**

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

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

YOUR NAME

Chiara Delfini

9. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: Þórey Sigþórsdóttir

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

Góðan dag.

Ég undirrituð Þórey Sigþórsdóttir er algjörlega á móti hvalveiðum í ljósi allra þeirrar þekkingar sem við höfum í dag á eðli og náttúru hvala.

Á þeim grundvelli styð ég frumvarpið.

Ég nefni hér nokkrar af þeim ástæðum sem ég er á móti hvalveiðum:

Langt dauðastríð hvala við veiðar brýtur í bága við lög um velferð dýra

Hvalir eru mikilvægir til að viðhalda vistkerfi sjávar og eiga að njóta verndar

Meirihluti Íslendinga styður ekki hvalveiðar

Mínna en 2% Íslendinga borðar hvalkjöt, það er selt til Japans

Hvalveiðar eru ekki hluti af menningu og arfleifð Íslendinga

Hvalveiðar eru sportveiðar eins auðkýfings

Bestu kveðjur/Best wishes

Þórey

Þórey Sigþórsdóttir

leikari, leikstjóri og raddþjálfari

9. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Karin Nelson**

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

October 23, 2023

Dear Members of Parliament:

I write to you today from (YOUR COUNTRY) to kindly ask you to support the bill to ban whaling in beautiful Iceland. As we have seen documented in videos recently, whaling cannot fit within the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, whales are critical to marine ecosystems as they sequester carbon and stimulate the production of oxygen. I hope Iceland becomes a leader in protecting marine regions and species.

Thank you for your time.

Karin Nelson

Victoria, Canada

11. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Selma**

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

11. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Carola Vaghi**

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 travelled to your beautiful country last February and I feel very connected to its nature, its culture and its people.

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.

Carola Vaghi

13. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Jed Dunks**

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

Dear reader,

The bill to ban whaling and protect whales ([link in Icelandic](#))

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

gathering views on it until 24 October 2023. Whales are a keystone species and all life in the seas is dependent on them. Without whales krill disappear and they do not return, ever!

As our climate heats up and ocean boiling is occurring it is the largest sea animals - whales who disperse the deeper cooler ocean temperatures and help to cool the ocean.

The close social relationships, unique languages and high intelligence of whales are all well documented.

Public sentiment is against whaling and has been for decades.

There is greater wealth and earth benefits with whale watching NOT destructive and inhumane whaling where sentient beings are in agony, screaming and dying for hours. Would you want to hear anyone die like that?

Please gain the world's approval and ban whaling. It is a stronger economical, sustainable, ecological and ethical choice for Icelanders and our planet.

A reminder of the bill put forward by Andrés Ingi Jónsson from the Pirate Party, with the support of

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

Reform and Social Democrats:

- * 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

For more information:

Regards,

Jane Duncan BEd.(Sec)

13/11/23

14. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Kristina Sazonova**

Umögn við 99. mál, frumvarp til laga um breytingu á ymsum lögum vegna banss við hvalveidum

The kitty is a sacred animal and provides great benefits to the ecosystem. By killing cats, we are killing our land. Stop!!!

20. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Тина Иванова**

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

Kristina Romanova 20.11.2023

I unequivocally support the petition to protect whales, I am against their extermination!
They are an integral part of our lives and the planet as a whole! Ban whaling!

20. nóvember 2023

Frá/from: **Alessandro Besana**

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

Dear sirs,

I've been twice as a tourist in Iceland and I had always recommended visiting your country and seeing whales swimming free in Husavík. This is the best use of whales you can do without hunting these wonderful creatures so important for the ecosystems.

You only hunt them for Japanese people, a population and tradition which is decreasing due to ageing, so you are destroying your future for a population that will not be in the future, a growing business for you. Demonstrate yourself as a better country of one throwing radioactive water in our oceans in the middle of which you leave perhaps.

Whales are already facing so many threats today, industrial fishing, plastic pollution, fatal death with big commercial boats.

Please stop and don't renew Kristján Loftsson's 5-year license to hunt whales and permanently ban this activity.

Thank you for your caring and consideration for me and my little children, whom I hope can be able to see the same beautiful animals I once had the chance to see.

Alessandro Besana