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HARP SEALS ARE NOT ENDANGERED

The Canadian harp seal population has tripled since the 1970's. The current population sits at 6.9 million.

HUMANE HARVEST

The Hapakik (club) is only used by 10% of sealers, while the remaining 90% use guns. The Department of Fisheries & Oceans and the Canadian Veterinary Association consider both methods quick and humane. Seals are harvested in a more humane manner than typical slaughterhouses.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO HARVEST BABY SEALS

The image of the whitecoat baby seal is used prominently by seal hunt opponents. It is illegal to harvest whitecoat baby seals and has been since 1987.

POPULATION CONTROL

Proper population control ensures the long-term stability of Canada's seal population. These measures also protect other marine resources, like fish.

HIGHLY REGULATED

The Canadian Department of Fisheries & Oceans determines every year how many harp seals can be harvested. The purpose of this is to ensure that the Canadian seal harvest remains economically viable and environmentally sustainable.

SUPPORTED BY WILDLIFE ORGANIZATIONS

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association found that 98% of all seals were harvested "in an acceptably humane manner." The WWF reported in 2005, "the Canadian harp seal hunt is professional and highly regulated... it has the potential to serve as a model to improve humane practice and reduce seal suffering within the other hunts".

SEAL IS NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ANIMALS

The seal harvest has been unfairly attacked due to the fact it does not have the financial resources to defend itself against false information and blatant propaganda spread by organizations who benefit financially from the manipulation of people's emotions.

ECONOMIC & CULTURAL IMPORTANCE

The seal harvest is economically viable, employing thousands of Canadians each year. Approximately 30% of sealer's total household income comes from the seal harvest. It has been part of Canada's cultural fabric for hundreds of years.

FULL USE ANIMAL

Seal is a full use animal. Canadian seals have been harvested for pelts, oil and meat for hundreds of years. Traditionally, pelts have been the main commodity, but consumer demand for meat and seal oil omega-3 health products has grown significantly.

THE OPPOSITION IS NOT ALWAYS CREDIBLE

What knowledge does Paris Hilton, Paul McCartney and Pamela Anderson have regarding the seal harvest? They are hired to spread propaganda from the anti-sealing organizations that make a profit protesting the harvest. Jacques Cousteau, a renowned ecologist and conservationist, once said, "The harp seal question is entirely emotional. We have to be logical. We have to aim our activity first to the endangered species of the world. Those who are moved by the plight of the harp seal could also be moved by the plight of the pig".