

Bill #50

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Subject: Please act now to safeguard the Wilderness Areas Protection Act

Mr David Wilson MLA
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Dear Mr Wilson,

As your constituent, I am asking you to oppose Bill 50, which would amend the Wilderness Areas Protection Act to allow the slaughter of grey seals on Hay Island (part of the protected Scaterie Island Wilderness Area off Cape Breton).

Protected spaces in Nova Scotia belong to all Nova Scotians and should not be turned over to industry at the whim of the government. This move to amend the Act is a betrayal of all Nova Scotians. I will be watching to see how you vote on Bill 50, and will take this into account during the next election.

Humane Society International/Canada documented the cruel clubbing of baby seals for their fur on Hay Island in 2008. Hunters herded seal pups, mothers and newborn seals into groups, clubbed moulted pups with wooden bats, and then used box cutters to slice open the seals. The shocking images were broadcast around the world, sparking a flood of angry letters of protest.

Just as shocking as the cruelty of this slaughter is the reckless manner in which it is being pursued. Grey seals have been subjected to extreme overhunting in the past two centuries and, by 1949, were thought to have been wiped out (extirpated) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. While the population has slowly begun to recover, fishing-industry lobby groups have repeatedly pressured for a cull of grey seals -- despite any evidence to suggest such a move is necessary.

Clearly, the Nova Scotia government is now attempting to pander to the fishing industry by rewriting the law. This unscrupulous move will severely damage the reputation of our province at a time when tourist dollars are so important to our economy.

Moreover, a boycott of Canadian seafood products -- that will continue until the seal hunt is ended in Canada -- has already attracted the support of 5,500 establishments and 650,000 individuals. With the Nova Scotia government apparently sanctioning the indiscriminate slaughter of baby seals in a provincial park, I suspect many companies will specifically choose to avoid Nova Scotia seafood. Moreover, one can only wonder how many fewer tourists will choose to visit Cape Breton once they have learned about the cruelty happening on Hay Island each February.

For the sake of the seals and for Nova Scotia, please vote against Bill 50, safeguard the Wilderness Areas Protection Act, and ensure that grey seals on Hay Island are protected from commercial seal hunting as they legally should be.

Sincerely,

Ashley Yvonne

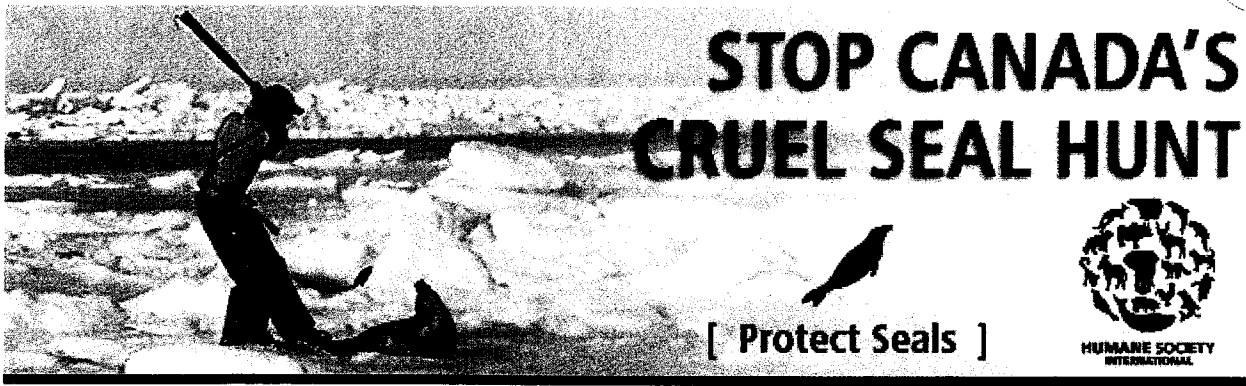
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Save Baby Grey Seals in Nova Scotia

In the past two years, the government of Nova Scotia, Canada has authorized commercial seal hunters to kill up to 4,700 grey seals on Hay Island -- a part of the protected Scaterie Island Wilderness Area. Animal protection groups argued that the Nova Scotia *Wilderness Areas Protection Act* prohibits the killing of animals in protected spaces.

Now, the Nova Scotia government is attempting to revise the Act to allow the Minister of Environment to officially authorize the slaughter of grey seals on Hay Island.

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TAKE ACTION

Please act now to safeguard the Wilderness Areas Protection Act! Tell Nova Scotia's Premier, Environment Minister, and the Law Amendments committee (which will review the bill) that it is unacceptable to authorize the slaughter of grey seals on Hay Island.

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Your Information

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- Yes, please send me action alerts, updates, and special offers to help animals.

Recipients

Sterling Belliveau
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Gordon Hebb

Your Message

Subject:

Please act now to safeguard Nova Scotia's Wilderness Areas Protection Act

Dear [Decision Maker],

I am appalled to see that the Nova Scotia government is attempting to revise the provincial Wilderness Areas Protection Act to allow the commercial slaughter of baby seals on Hay Island.

Please personalize your message

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