

We oppose United States policy on commercial whaling

We the undersigned wish to express our profound opposition to the completion and adoption of the International Whaling Commission's Revised Management Scheme (RMS) because it will give a false signal that whaling is legitimate, manageable, sustainable and humane and will inevitably lead to the lifting of the global moratorium on commercial whaling.

We call upon the United States Government to abandon its present policy of support for an RMS to lift the existing moratorium on commercial whaling and to use its international political and economic influence, and domestic fisheries laws, to enforce the existing moratorium for the foreseeable future.

We believe that our supporters, and the vast majority of US citizens, are opposed to commercial whaling and do not want our Government involved in negotiating its resumption. We believe that commercial whaling is outdated and unnecessary, environmentally unsound and inherently cruel. We believe it poses an unnecessary risk to the health and recovery of surviving whale populations and to the health of people that consume whale products, given they are increasingly contaminated by toxic pollutants.

We call upon the United States Government to support the continuation and strengthening of the commercial whaling moratorium for the foreseeable future; to initiate and support the vital research necessary to quantify and address the serious environmental threats to whales; and the health risks posed to people that ingest toxic pollutants through the consumption of whale products.

We want the United States to save the whales, not whaling.

Afghan Hound Rescue of So. CA
Aid for Animals, Inc.
Alaska Wildlife Alliance
American Humane Association
Animal Connection of Texas
Animal Rights Advocates of Upstate New York
Animal Rights Hawai'i
Animal Rights Vegan
Animal Welfare Institute
Animals Voice
Arkansans for Animals, Inc.
Australians for Animals, US
Because You Care, Inc.
Campaign Whale, US
Cape Cod Coalition for Animal Rights
Central Coast Humane Society
Cetacean Society International
Civitas
CSRA Humane Society, Inc.
Desert Cry Wildlife Rescue
Dogs Deserve Better
Earth Talk Today
Eco-Animal Allies

Eco Elements
ECOP Marine
Everything Animals Resource Center, Inc.
Fighting for Animal Rights and the Environment (FARE)
Franklin County Humane Society
Friends of the Animals, Inc.
Furry Friends Foundation
Green Party of Utah, www.gput.org
Hands for Paws
Harvest for the Hungry Garden
Heart of the Wild Sanctuary, Inc.
International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute
Kid Activists Representing Mother Earth & Animals
Klamath Siskiyou Wildland Center
Labrador Retriever Rescue
Last Chance for Animals
Lehigh Valley Animal Rights Coalition
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Michigan Animal Rights Society (MARS)
Missouri Rabbit House Society
Morning Star Wildlife Rehab Center
National Activist Network
National Humane Education Society
New York for Whales
New York Whale and Dolphin Action League
Ocean Alliance
Ocean Defense International
Ocean Haven
Ocean Mammal Institute
One Voice
Orangutan Foundation International
OVAS
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Peninsula Citizens for the Protection of Whales
Pen State's Alliance for Animal Rights
Pet Owner's Alliance, Inc. - Humane Law Enforcement
Protecting Animals, USA
Safe Harbor, Inc.
San Diego Animal Advocates
Save the Whales
Sea Sanctuary
Sirius Institute
Society and Animals Forum
Sonoma People for Animal Rights
Spay Neuter Chicago
Speak Out for Species
Taps Shelter
The International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest/Preservation of the
 Amazonian River Dolphins
The Oasis Sanctuary
The Poppy Foundation
The Priceless Parrot Reserve
The WILD Foundation
UCLA Paulo Freire Institute

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Whale Rescue Team
Whaleman Foundation
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