

# Protect Baby Seals!



**Canada's yearly seal hunt starts at the end of March. Hundreds of thousands of baby seals will be killed for their fur.** It's against the law to kill newborns, but seals as young as 12 days can still be hunted.

**You can speak up for seals!** Send letters to Prime Minister Harper and to Michael Wilson, Canada's Ambassador to the U.S. Here are some points you can make in your letters:

- The baby seal hunt is cruel. Canada's laws against cruelty to seals are frequently broken. Hunters who kill more seals than allowed or break other hunting laws are often not punished.
- Canada's government allows hundreds of thousands of baby seals to be killed each year. But it hasn't proven that the seal population can survive such a large hunt.
- One reason given for killing seals is that seals eat too many cod, not leaving enough for fishermen to catch. Scientists have found, though, that overfishing by *people*, not by seals, is the real reason cod are disappearing.
- A majority of Canadians, Americans, and Europeans are against the seal hunt. In fact, on July 30, 2007, the United States House of Representatives

unanimously passed a resolution urging the Canadian government to end the seal hunt.

Send your letters to these addresses:

**Prime Minister's Office  
Right Honorable Stephen Harper  
80 Wellington St.  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A2**

And:

**The Honourable Michael Wilson  
Office of the Ambassador  
Canadian Embassy  
501 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20001**

Want to do more to help seals? You can raise funds for our campaign to support the effort to stop the seal hunt. For tips on fundraising for animals, visit

[http://www.kindnews.org/Speak Up for Animals/Speak funds.asp](http://www.kindnews.org/Speak_Up_for_Animals/Speak_funds.asp).

You can send the money you raise to:

The HSUS/HSI ProtectSeals Campaign  
2100 L St NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
Attn: ProtectSeals (MBRSCB)

If you write letters or hold a fundraiser, the Humane Society wants to know about it! Email [kids@humanesociety.org](mailto:kids@humanesociety.org) to tell how you took action for seals.

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