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Should Seals and Fish be Treated Differently?
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Human beings always were, are and will be born with two primal drives;

• To survive

• To reproduce
No difference in harvesting:
(Common factors to all species)

- Harvest must be sustainable
- Killing must be humane
- Harvest must not endanger species
- As little waste as possible
- Animal rights opposition
- Good management practices
But species are by definition different in:

- Habitat
- Size
- Migration patterns
- Abundance
- Utilization

Therefore harvesting of different species must be treated differently.
Just who do we think we are – the international food police?
Friend of the Earth is running a national newspaper ad picturing cute kids with the subtle tag line, "They're being poisoned". (Wall Street Journal 08.04.04)

...The Sierra Club proclaims that five million women have "dangerous levels of mercury in their bodies". April 2004

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CUTE...?
International regulations...

- NGOs
  - Animal rights/Protectionists
  - Extremists/Eco-terrorists

- MARINESPECIES
  - Tool for politico-financial power
  - Dramas
  - Scandals
  - Problems

- Fishermen/Whalers/Sealers
  - Culture/Traditions

- MARINE SPECIES
  - Traditional/healthy Food
  - Survival
  - Emptying the oceans
  - Threatening health
  - Villains/Barbarians

- Law suits/Fund Raising
  - Harvesting
  - Public opinion
Revision of the evolution of Humankind, by...
Part I (50,000AD to 20th Century)

From *Homo erectus* to *Homo sapiens*

- Darwin theory remains valid
- Main characteristic: Two primal drives: survival and reproduction
- *H. erectus*: each being harvested *everything* required for survival, food, shelter, clothing
- *H. sapiens*: Specialized harvesting, give harvesting different names: fishing, hunting, trapping, farming, collecting, picking...
- *H. sapiens*: developed trade and barter economy
- *H. sapiens*: Capacity in managing
- *H. sapiens* is very close to nature and applies very strict standards for harvesting
Note: Some specimens of homo sapiens have migrated to form large tribes inhabiting very large buildings where most members of the tribes decided to delegate all aspects of the harvesting required for their survival.

- Darwin theory is shaken up...
- Main characteristic: Only one primal drive left: reproduction
- *H. sapiens urbanus*: believes that there is no need for harvesting to survive
- *H. sapiens urbanus*: distances himself from nature
The Evolution of Homo...

Part III (1970 to 2008)

From *Homo sapiens urbanus* to *Homo urbanus*

The word “SAPIENS”...

**Note:** Parting from nature has let to the dropping of the word “sapiens”. [Fortunately, some unpolluted and well conserved specimen of the original *homo sapiens* remain in the wild or in remote areas]

- Darwin theory is gone...
- No more primal drive, reproduction done in vitro
- Main characteristic: Not very cleaver... even dumb, dumbness that is found mainly in the most common sub-species
  - *h. urbanus washingtoniensis*
  - *h. urbanus londoniensis*
  - *h. urbanus europeanunionensis*
  - *h. urbanus californiensis*
Part III (1970 to 2008)

From ... to *Homo urbanus* (cont.d)

- *H. urbanus*: Firmly believes that nature is contained in a small box, a box called TV set.
- *H. urbanus*: Can be easily frightened
- *H. urbanus*: Two main concerns: not being able to eat fish without being sick, and not being able to watch TV programs on animals
- *H. urbanus*: Ideal target for exploitation, being dumb, rich and, at times, famous
Alfred Lord Tennyson aptly described...

“Nature is red in tooth and claw”.

In the nineteenth century we saw the British Empire spread through Asia and Africa cheered on, not as commonly believed by merchants and soldiers, but rather by clergymen and journalists who alike exhorted their national leadership to bring the benefits of the supposedly superior Anglo-Saxon religion and culture to the inferior black and brown skinned people of the world. Please do not believe that, with the coming of the twenty-first century, this imperialistic instinct has gone to its grave.
...the fundamental urge to subjugate one culture to the will of another remains. The new cultural imperialist does not bash a bible; he pushes an ecological manual in your face and demands your adherence.
Save the… “species du jour”…

Marine Species… very high on the menu
We now live in a world inhabited by a new generation of Robespierre, men and women who are convinced that they are the guardians of a new, higher morality and who do not hesitate to seize the tools of coercion to use against those who refuse to follow their path.
The prospects for sealing are good so long as we accept the differences between harvesting seals and harvesting fish, and so long as we are prepared to objectively consider and deal with the many pressures from NGOs that believe that the use of all animals should be prohibited.

And that Remains the major problem.
Homo minus habens
THANK YOU!

SAVE THE BABY VEAL

AVOID CULTURAL PREJUDICE
OSLO

Norway readies tours for seal-hunting season

Tour operators in Norway are preparing to offer seal-hunting trips to foreigners in March and April.

“Based on a parliamentary decision last year, we are authorizing foreign hunters, and I emphasize hunters because they must have a hunting license, to come hunt seals here if they are accompanied by a Norwegian hunting company,” a spokesman for the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Sigbjorn Larsen, said.

Norway decided last year to permit such specialized tours and this month issued the official authorization for the hunts.
They seek nothing more or less than the radical separation of man from nature. Tortured by their own evangelical sense of human sin and worthlessness, they demand that you and I adopt a low view of humanity similar to their own. Mankind is sinful; only nature is pure, good and benign.
They believe that nature cannot, and should not, be managed.

It must be left alone and then everything will be alright.
Today, the concept of sustainable use and the driving model for modern global corporations is one where economic prosperity is intrinsically linked with people's environmental compatibility and with social justice.
The Sustainability Triangle

Development

Access to Resources

Culture & Traditions

Environment
When it comes to Wildlife Conservation...

TRADE

COMMERCE
How Harvesting rights are negatively impacted

1. Regulations: - Limitations - Prohibitions
2. NGOs
"When trade is outlawed, only outlaws are trading”  (Confucius)

"Prohibition is not the solution, prohibition is the problem".
The Evolution of Homo...

Part IV (2008 and on...)

From *homo urbanus*... to

Homo Minus Habens