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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your kind words of support and for your letter and enclosure regarding H.R. 4189, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and for your comments protesting the killing of dolphins. I appreciated your taking the time to write.

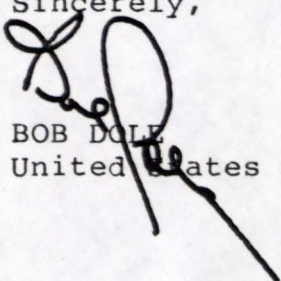
Because of concern over dolphin mortalities, the United States tuna seine fishery of the Eastern Tropical Pacific operates under an annual quota of not more than 20,500 dolphin deaths. Meanwhile, the National Marine Fisheries Service is completing an intensive five-year study of the dolphin population. On March 18, 1988, an interim final rule was established for evaluating whether foreign nations have implemented similar programs for their tuna fleets to protect dolphins. In the absence of such similar protective measures, tuna may not be imported into the United States.

As you know, concern has shifted to further reducing the number of allowable dolphin kills. Although H.R. 4189 only extends authorization of the Marine Mammal Protection Act through 1993, various interest groups have suggested amendments to reduce allowable quotas and to ensure compliance with current law. Discussion on this legislation has been intense, and your input will be appreciated.

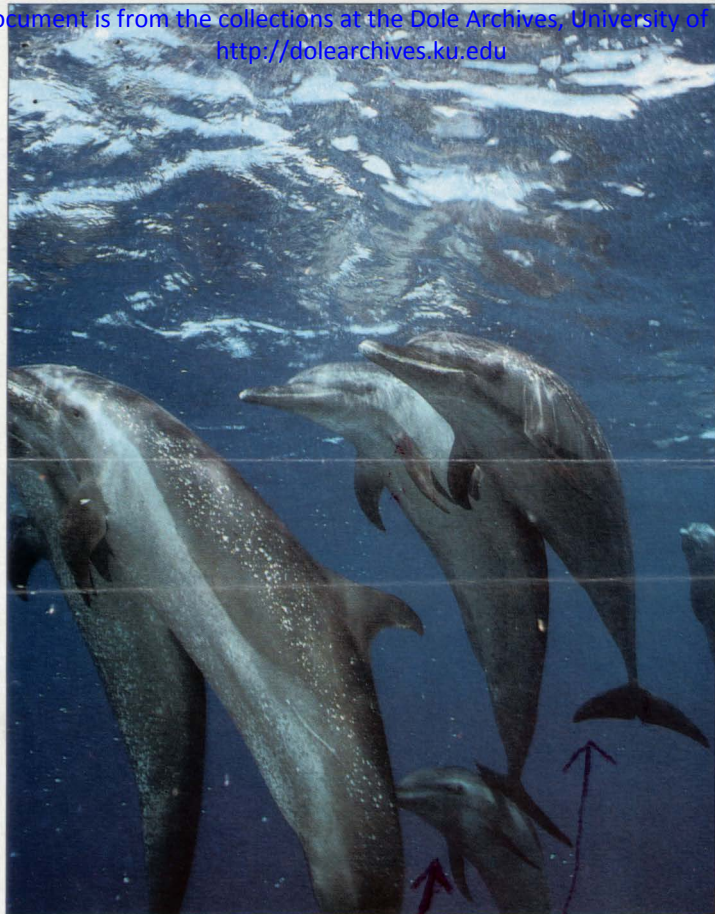
H.R. 4189 is pending in the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries Subcommittee on Fisheries. As I am a member of the United States Senate, I would not be involved in the initial review of the bill. Should H.R. 4189 or similar legislation be considered on the Senate floor, however, I will certainly take your position into account.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,


BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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Parents & Baby's

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said 200 drowned
dolphins; a dolphin
dangles in a net be-
fore being crushed by
net-hauling machin-
ery; the captain fillets
a dolphin for dinner.



*dolphins. The crew enters the water to push the dead bodies out of the net. Standing on the corpses they laugh and joke, holding the bodies of the babies over their heads like trophies, pitching them back and forth like foot-
balls."*

January 8, 1988

*"Another set today on dol-
phin, a small herd with
nothing to herald that they
might be accompanied by
large numbers of tuna. In-
deed, we only pulled about
one and a half tons of tuna
from the net. And we killed
every member of the dolphin
herd. Common dolphins,
about fifty of them outright
snarled and drowned. Never*

*the slightest effort to clear
them from the net until it was
slung between the skiff and
the ship, and by then it was
too late. No backdown, no
manual help by the crew or
the speedboats—not the least
assistance offered to set them
free. It would have been easy.
Something about there not
being sufficient numbers to
merit the effort, as if the
quantity had anything to do
with the fact that they were
living families of dolphins.*

*"I have to restrain myself
from writing about how very
beautiful and perfect they
were swimming side by side
in the net—mothers and
children leaping clear of the
water together—for I am of-
fended by the necessity of re-
ferring to them in the past
tense. They are all dead.*

6-25-88

Honorable Senator Bob Dole
141 Hart Bldg.
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Bob Dole,

Thank you most kindly for having introduced the Improved Standards for Laboratory Animal Act, and signed in to Law and most of all this Law being enforced. Strictly enforced!

In 1986 125 thousand Dolphins were slaughtered by the Tuna Fishing Co. alone, thousands of Dolphins are yearly killed by foreign & US Fishing boats for Tuna. I strongly protest to this slaughter!

Large yellow fin Tuna tend to swim under herds of Dolphins with their babies in a stretch of ocean extending from southern California to Chile. These Fishing boats select masses of Dolphins on purpose to maximize profit by using Helicopters and ore speed boats, seiners encircle both dolphins and Tuna with a mile long nylon net-called purse seine. The bottom of the ^{net} is then pulled closed-Like a Women draw string purse. Their ^{Method} of freeing these Intelligent Air breathing dolphins with their Babies but it is not attempted by Captain ore Crew. Dolphins become panic when they are unable to get out and up for air! Some drown- their delicate beaks and flippers torn off in the unyielding nylon netting-manny are dragged alive with their Babies through powerful net-hauling machinery the pain the suffering is a monstrous! The Foreign Tuna fleet kills about

4 times more of these beautiful gentle
Intelligent dolphins than the US. Setting
on Dolphins to catch Tuna is an ~~unnecessary~~ ecess
ary! Stop these killing!

* Reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protec-
tion act with a strictly enforced Zero
quota of Dolphins!

* Enforce market restriction's against
Tuna importet into the US from Countries
still allowing the Slaughter of these
Classie beautiful Dolphins.

Enforce the Laws

Thankyou ahead of times Hoping
to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

Yours

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