

Harpseals.org Topics for Further Study

For Kids

1. Are seals playful? Are they social animals? How do they interact with others of their kind?
2. Seals as swimmers: How long does it take them to learn to swim? How long can they stay under water?
3. Who are the politicians who are involved with and can end the seal slaughter?

Short Reports

1. Why doesn't clubbing cause a quick death for seal pups?
2. Investigate the history of seal "hunt" regulations, documented violations, enforcement of the regulations, and punishment for transgressions.
3. How do harp seals communicate with each other?
4. How do harp seal mothers recognize their pups?

Term Papers/Research Projects

1. Study the historical and current management policies and practice of Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans with regard to the seals, cod, and snow crabs.
2. Evaluate the science behind the Canadian Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans seal management plan.
3. Research the history of the movement to end the seal slaughter. What strategies were tried, what worked and what failed, what could have been done differently to prevent the resurgence of the killing today?
4. Track the pelts. Which countries import the most 'raw' pelts and tanned/processed pelts? Which companies process them? Where do they end up?
5. How do people respond to the Canadian seafood boycott message? What percentage of people join the boycott? What are the biggest obstacles to getting people to participate?
6. Study the historical and current management policies and practice of Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans with regard to the seals, cod, and snow crabs.
7. How could global warming affect seal populations?

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