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I, _____, am
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APPALLED that the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has commissioned secret studies to determine the methodology and costs of exterminating most, if not all, of the grey seals on Sable Island;

HORRIFIED that the DFO's Sable Island grey seal slaughter calls for the shooting and clubbing to death and cremation of 220,000 animals, including nursing mothers and their pups;

OUTRAGED that the Canadian fishing industry is the instigator behind the DFO planning a Sable Island grey seal slaughter;

DISMAYED that the Canadian fishing industry remains so willfully misinformed about fisheries and marine eco-system science that it continues to wrongly blame grey seals (rather than itself) for the lack of recovery of the cod that it overfished and continues to overfish;

DISHEARTENED that the DFO – knowing there is no credible ecological or fisheries management reason to eliminate hundreds of thousands of grey seals – did not dismiss outright the Canadian fishing industry's demands for a seal slaughter on Sable Island; and

DISGUSTED that the DFO is seriously considering the plan to exterminate as many seals on Sable Island as it can, and that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Hon. Gail Shea, will make the final decision about the DFO plan in the fall of 2010.

THEREFORE, to help protect the grey seals on Sable Island from the Canadian fishing industry and the DFO,

I PLEDGE to expose the Canadian fishing industry by availing myself of opportunities to inform my family, friends, colleagues, acquaintances, and all others with whom I may come into contact about the Canadian fishing industry's demands for a massive grey seal slaughter on Sable Island.

I FURTHER PLEDGE to encourage people to avoid the Canadian fishing industry's products until it adopts ecologically sound fisheries practices.

TO HONOUR THIS PLEDGE

I will use every means readily available to me, such as personal communications, correspondence, and social media (facebook, my space, twitter, flickr, YouTube, blogs, forums, etc.), and I will encourage others to "spread the word" about the death and cruelty that the Canadian fishing industry wants inflicted on the grey seals of Sable Island.

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