

March 25, 2014

Susan Millward  
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Re: *Whales Need US Coalition* inquiry regarding Icelandic whaling

Ms. Millward,

We appreciate the seriousness of the issues presented in email communication from DJ Schubert received on March 13<sup>th</sup>—in terms of both the general problem of whaling and Iceland's continued commercial whaling in the face of upbraiding from the US Departments of Commerce and Interior.

To be clear, we do not support commercial whaling.

While we are not aware of any direct links between Trader Joe's current suppliers and whaling operations (in Iceland or elsewhere), your letter provides us with good information to conduct our investigation of our supply chain.

Sincerely,



Matt Sloan