

Fishing and Animal Rights Extremism

"Now I can look at you in peace; I don't eat you anymore" - Franz Kafka to a fish

Fishermen and their substantial contribution to wildlife conservation are not safe from animal rights extremism...

- "Although they may not be able to scream out in pain, fish have the same capacity for suffering and the same right to our compassion as do dogs, cats, and other human beings."
- **www.NoFishing.net, 1-17-02**
- "Boy Scout Law says we're not supposed to hurt or kill harmless things without reason. So, I just couldn't hook helpless animals in the mouth, yank them out of their environment, and still call myself a Boy Scout. It's wrong to hurt animals"
- **Justin Aligata, Boy Scout and star of PETA's anti-fishing commercial, 5-14-03**
- "If someone asks you to go fishing, explain why you won't go. Tell them that fish have feelings and deserve to live just like anyone else."
- **PETA's "Kids Corner", 1-17-02**
- "Though they may seem very different from us, fish are actually communicative and sensitive animals."
- **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, 1-17-02**
- Imagine reaching for an apple on a tree and having your hand suddenly impaled by a metal hook that drags you, the whole weight of your body pulling on that one hand out of the air and into an atmosphere in which you cannot breathe. This is what fish, who have well-developed pain receptors, experience when they are hooked for "sport."
- **FishingHurts.com, 1-15-02**
- "Write a story from the perspective of a fish. Tell how things look from the fish's point of view. What things are important to the fish? What is he or she thinking?"
- **PETA's "Kids Corner", 1-17-02**
- "Fishing is just as cruel as beating a puppy"
- **Jay Kelly, "Reformed fisher", AnimalRights.net, 7-31-01**
- "Campaigns against fishing and shooting have always been in our remit. We are against all bloodsports, it is just a natural progression"
- **Animal Liberation Front Spokesman, Countryside Alliance, 1-24-01**
- "It is time anglers and angling supporters realized that the sport is now under the same kind of threat, from many of the same extremely determined and dangerous quarters, that hunting has had to endure for years"
- **Countryside Alliance, News release, 1-24-01**
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- **Franz Kafka to a fish**



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