

## **Special Message From Dave at Friends of Animals: I Need Your Help for Polar Bears**

Fellow activists,

This is a special message from Dave at Friends of Animals. I am asking you to write to the Canadian Government so Canada moves now for protection of the polar bears living in the Canadian Arctic.

Time is of the essence. Your letter must arrive before the CITES summit -- scheduled to begin 13 March.

You know climate disruption means thinning ice sheets, jeopardizing the bears' future. But did you know that trophy-hunting of polar bears is still allowed? It's true – and it's a lucrative business.

In Qatar this year, 13-25 March, the fate of polar bears will be discussed. The United States wishes to move polar bears from Appendix II to Appendix I, which would prevent their body parts from being sold internationally. Yet *Canada plans to oppose this* at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) meeting.

Please take a moment to write to the Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Environment Minister Jim Prentice. In addition to e-mail, will you print out and mail your thoughts as a letter? Written correspondence has a greater impact, and this is a very important cause.

Please point out:

- \* We want the fullest legal protections for polar bears.
- \* Polar bears are already at risk from ice melt and ice-sheet thinning, environmental toxins, reduced food supply and other factors. They have been found to be so hungry they're resorting to cannibalism. We need to do all we can to protect their population.
- \* Hunting is a form of persecution, and is wrong. Canada must stop the hunting of polar bears.
- \* More must be done to preserve the animal and plant life of Canada, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Please send a separate letter to the Honourable Stephen Harper and the Honourable Jim Prentice. Each can be sent to:

House of Commons  
Ottawa, Canada  
K1A 0A6

While we're focusing on mail, e-mail is also an option:

E-mail Stephen Harper: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

E-mail Jim Prentice: [Jim.Prentice@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Jim.Prentice@ec.gc.ca)

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