

Tools for Rules: A Better Way for Sorting Public Comment E-mail

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Upcoming Event: Tools for Rules Version 2.0 (May 1, 2007 Tool Test)

New Papers: "Identifying and Classifying Subjective Claims," Kwon et al., "A Bootstrapping Approach for Identifying Stakeholders in Public-Comment Corpora," Arguello and Callan (dg.o 2007 papers)

Project Highlight: A brief 2007 update to the NSF on recent usability testing efforts and the ongoing collaboration with the US Fish & Wildlife Service to sort and analyze public comments about the polar bear listing.

Recent Events: QDAP and JITP hosted a NSF-funded workshop "Coding Across the Disciplines" and Neil Eisner spoke to the Pitt School of Law about eRulemaking. Dr. Shulman gave a talk at the 2007 annual meeting of ASPA (slides are available in .ppt and .pdf format).

Research Group Papers: You can read three research papers prepared for dg.o 2006. There are papers on collective text analysis, labeling, and near duplicate detection.

Research Group Presentations: Download dg.o 2006 presentations by Namhee Kwon on collective text analysis, Pucktada Treeratpituk on labeling, and Grace Hui Yang on near duplicate detection.

White Paper Collection: There is a collection of White Papers prepared for a May 2006 workshop at dg.o 2006 called "eRulemaking at the Crossroads."

2006 Project Highlight: This short paper is an annual report to the dg.o 2006 meeting on the progress made by the research group in the past year.

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➤ EIA 0089892

❖ “SGER Citizen Agenda-Setting in the Regulatory Process: Electronic Collection and Synthesis of Public Commentary”

➤ EIA 0327979, 0328175, 0328914 & 0328618

❖ “SGER Collaborative: A Testbed for eRulemaking Data”

➤ IIS 0429293, 0429102, 0429360 & 0429243

❖ “Collaborative Research: Language Processing Technology for Electronic Rulemaking”

➤ SES 0322662

❖ “Democracy and E-Rulemaking: Comparing Traditional vs. Electronic Comment from a Discursive Democratic Framework”

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The Department of Energy needs to improve its procedures for reviewing millions of e-mails associated with the Yucca Mountain project for quality assurance problems, the Office of Inspector General said in a report released Nov. 9.

The report, Quality Assurance Weaknesses in the Review of Yucca Mountain Electronic Mail for Relevancy to the Licensing Process, says DOE should conduct a more comprehensive review of more than 10 million e-mails associated with the proposed nuclear waste repository.

"We found that the process for reviewing the archived e-mails did not fully assure that quality assurance issues were promptly identified, investigated, reported, and resolved," the report says.

Waiting for Plan B - don't hold your breath!

Pharmaceutical News

Published: Wednesday, 9-Nov-2005

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According to a [Food and Drug Administration](#) official, regulators may take months to review public comments on Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s application to sell the Plan B "morning-after" contraceptive without a prescription.

Apparently the FDA received thousands of comments after it indefinitely postponed a ruling on Plan B in August and asked for public input.

Dr. Scott Gottlieb, FDA deputy commissioner for medical and scientific affairs, says it could take months to go through the comments.

As the deadline for submitting comments ended last week the agency was expecting as many as 10,000 submissions.

Gottlieb has disputed charges that the FDA has allowed politics to interfere with science when they delayed a ruling on Plan B following heavy lobbying by conservative groups against the over-the-counter sale of the drug.



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USPTO To Hold Live On-Line for Independent Inventors

Senior officials of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as well as a representative from the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program, will be available live on-line on **Thursday, November 16**, from **2 to 3 pm (ET)**. They will be answering questions and offering tips for independent inventors. **Instructions** for taking part in the online will be posted on the home page of the USPTO website at **10:30 am (ET)** on Wednesday. Inventors can begin **logging on** for the on-line at **1:30 pm**.

The independent inventor on-line is part of the USPTO's continuing efforts to promote and protect America's independent inventors. This effort includes educating inventor-entrepreneurs about the risks of working with invention development companies.

We have [transcripts](#) and [frequently-asked questions and answers](#) from previous onlines available on the Inventors Resources pages. Check them out and save time — your question may already have an answer waiting for you!

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- ❑ Many public comments are form letters or edited form letters
 - Real grassroots or “astroturf” created by interest groups

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Edited by: [John Stewart](#)

Public Comment: Roadless Area Conservation DEIS Comments

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USDA Forest Service
CAET-USFS
Attn: Roadless Area Conservation Proposed Rule
PO Box 221090
Salt Lake City, UT 84122

E-mail: roadlessdeis@fs.fed.us

RE: Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation Draft Environmental Impact Statement, May 2000

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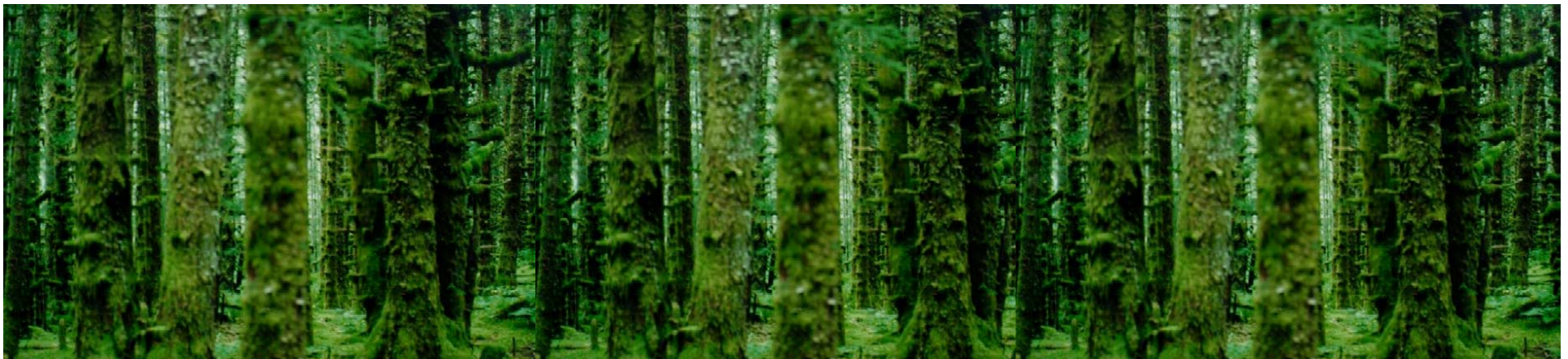


❑ Past research focuses on the mercury dataset

- 530,000+ emails, all plain text
- Many duplicative (similar & identical) comments

❑ If all 1.8 gigabytes were on paper (which it is)

- ... it would weigh 5,350 pounds (about 2.7 tons)
- ... it would make a stack 214 feet high





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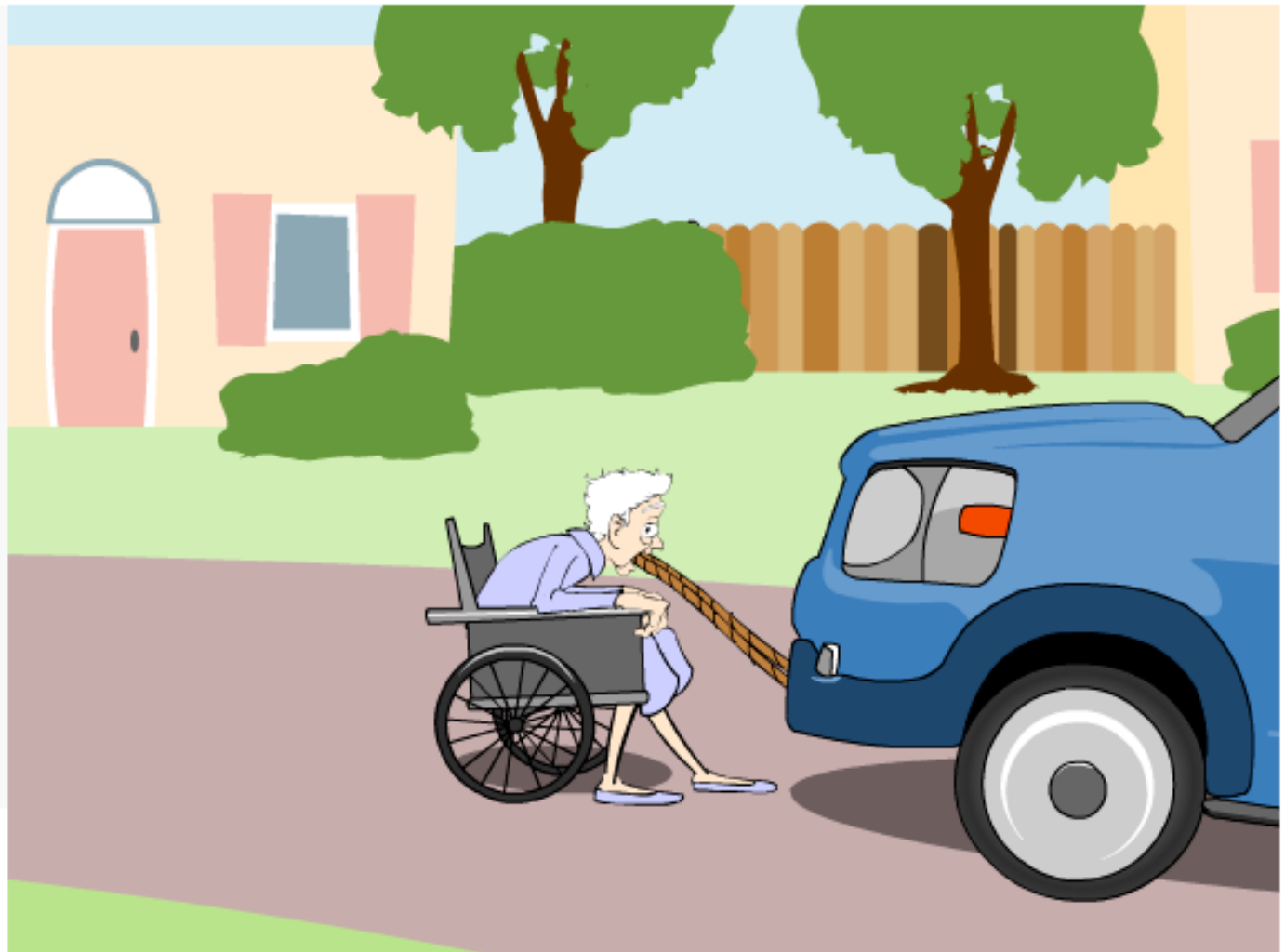
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Get Automaker Lobbyists off the Extreme Auto Makeover Team!

Just two weeks before gas prices hit \$3.00 per gallon, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposed revised fuel economy standards. Unfortunately, the plan will not help, and could actually undermine U.S. energy security. NHTSA has opened the proposal for public comment. **This is your chance to tell the government that you want standards that bring us better vehicle choices, not more gas-guzzling automaker loopholes. So take action today and then tell your friends.** Our goal is to submit 50,000 comments to tell the government that Americans can't wait any longer for better fuel economy—so spread the word!



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Online grassroots advocacy is about more than sending an email action alert. It's about building an ongoing relationship with a loyal network of constituents ready to support the issues most important to your organization.

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Grow your email file

With Email Marketing, you can easily grow your email address file by encouraging your constituents to reach out to new constituents. For example, include a Tell-a-Friend link in each of your emails where recipients can forward your message to friends and include their own messages to the new recipient. Or, post email greeting cards, or eCards, to your Web site that your site visitors can send to their friends and family.

One in six women of childbearing age needs to be worried about mercury.

The Bush administration mercury plan won't protect you.
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MERCURY HURTS!

Toxic mercury hurts our health and quality of life. One in six American women of childbearing age has enough mercury in her blood to pose a risk to her unborn child. Airborne mercury pollution from power plant smokestacks rains down on our rivers and lakes where it accumulates in the food chain, especially in fish.

Breastfed infants and developing fetuses are exposed when their mothers consume tainted fish, which can result in lowered intelligence, learning problems, and brain damage. Anyone who eats contaminated fish is at risk, particularly children. In adults, mercury exposure can cause irreversible damage to the brain and cardiovascular system, and can reduce fertility. [Learn more about mercury pollution](#)

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Coal-fired power plants are the country's largest unregulated

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1. Look over the message below, and **feel free to add your own comments.** Using your own words makes the message more meaningful.

Attention: Docket ID No. OAR-2002-0056

Dear EPA Administrator,

Your agency, the Food & Drug Administration, and 43 states have issued advisories warning people, especially women and children, to avoid or limit eating fish because of mercury contamination. Even with these warnings, the Centers For Disease Control And Prevention estimate that 1 out of 12 U.S. women of childbearing age have unsafe levels of mercury in their blood due to fish consumption.

The best way to protect women and children from mercury is to eliminate it from its largest, unregulated source: power plants.

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PLEASE URGE EPA TO REDUCE MERCURY POLLUTION

February 10, 2004

The Bush Administration's weak mercury rule is open for public comments until June 29, 2004 - this is your chance to help influence its development. The EPA must take your comments into consideration as they finalize the rule, and anything you write will be helpful to environmental groups who plan to take legal action against EPA over these ridiculous rules.

At the bottom of this page, we have provided some materials that you can use to write your own comments. All you have to do is send an e-mail to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov, or use this form. All fields are required (by the EPA). If you send your own e-mail, be sure to include all the information listed in the form below - the EPA will not accept your comments unless all the information in this form is provided.

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The battle is marked by an unprecedented public protest against a Bush administration Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposal that would allow power plants to emit six to seven times more mercury into America's air--and for at least a decade longer--than would be the case if the current Clean Air Act were simply implemented in good faith.

Properly implemented, the Clean Air Act would bring about a 90 percent reduction of mercury emissions over three years. But the Bush administration has stubbornly defended its plan to reduce mercury emissions by only 70 percent--and over a period of 13 years. As a result, over 600,000 citizens have submitted comments opposing the Bush plan. This is more than twice the highest number of comments EPA has ever received on a rulemaking--greater even than the outcry when the administration tried (unsuccessfully) to fend off stronger controls over arsenic in drinking water.

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-  POLAR BEAR #1: FEDS PROPOSE
ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTING
-  POLAR BEAR #2: FEDS CAN'T IMAGINE
WHAT CAUSES GLOBAL WARMING
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Polar Bears on Thin Ice: They Need Protection Now

Americans understand that global warming isn't just a future problem. The current threat to polar bears, which find **their habitat literally melting away**, is a clear example of the need to face global warming today.

Dramatically rising temperatures in the Arctic are melting the sea ice where polar bears live, hunt, and breed, putting the future of this majestic predator in jeopardy. The Fish and Wildlife Service has recently proposed granting much needed protections for the polar bear by listing them as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act, but **the agency wants to hear from you first**.

Please send a letter today in support of strong protections for polar bears struggling to survive in a vanishing habitat, and ask the administration to take **immediate action to fight global warming** today.

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Talking Points

Please take a moment to personalize your comment; why is protecting polar bears at-risk from global warming important to you?



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- Supervisor - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Marine Mammals Management Office

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Subject:

Strong support for listing the polar bear

Dear U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

(Edit Letter Below)

I am writing to strongly support your proposal to list the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Rising global temperatures are dramatically affecting Arctic ecosystems, and the sea ice habitat of the polar bear is literally melting away. Recent evidence showing not only declining populations, but also alarming signs such as cannibalism and drowning, demonstrates how important it is that we protect this majestic animal now.

I also urge you to specifically identify greenhouse gas pollution as the underlying cause of global warming and melting sea ice. It is impossible to ensure a strong future for polar bears and many other at-risk species without facing the need to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and global warming.

Sincerely,
[Your name]
[Your address]

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Tell ExxonMobil: Protect Polar Bears, Not Profits!

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ExxonMobil is swimming in cash...while polar bears are drowning in the Arctic.

ExxonMobil raked in over \$35 billion in profits in 2005, and another \$8.4 billion in the first quarter of 2006.

But where are Exxon's priorities?



- ExxonMobil has given its former CEO Lee Raymond a retirement package worth almost \$400 million. Yet, **it still refuses to pay punitive damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill** that killed birds, fish, sea otters and other wildlife – some of which have yet to recover.
- ExxonMobil is the sole major oil company to remain in Arctic Power, **the lobbying group whose only purpose is to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to toxic oil drilling.** The Arctic Refuge is home to caribou, millions of migratory birds, and other wildlife. It is also one of the most important onshore denning habitats for America's remaining polar bears.
- In the past five years, ExxonMobil has spent nearly \$37 million on lobbyists and millions more in campaign contributions to relentlessly push its anti-wildlife agenda and fight efforts to curb global warming – **the same warming that's melting sea ice and leaving walrus calves and polar bears to starve and drown.**

Tell ExxonMobil's CEO to stop pushing for oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge; to withdraw its support of the pro-drilling Arctic Power lobbying firm; and to start investing in renewable energy for the future. **Let ExxonMobil know that until they mend their anti-wildlife ways, you will be boycotting their gasoline!**

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Tell Wells Fargo to stop funding dirty energy	Nov 22,2006	18,692 Take Action
It's Always Christmas Time...For Visa!	Nov 17,2006	14,731 Take Action
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Action Alert

Peril for Polar Bears

Rising temperatures and industrial pollution are driving polar bears to the brink of extinction. Help save our polar bears! Send a message to support increased protections for our vanishing polar bears.



TAKE ACTION



Actions taken: **9,283** Actions needed: **50,000**

Protecting Our Refuges

Tell your Representative to Become a Voice for Wildlife

Your U.S. Representative has a chance to ensure that our National Wildlife Refuges get the funding and protection they deserve. Tell your Representative to join the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus today!



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Action Alert

Bears on the Brink -- You Can Help!

America's polar bears are in trouble. Increased temperatures are depriving them of needed food and habitat, causing birth and survival rates to plummet. Climate change, combined with ongoing pollution risks and the threat of harmful oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, could spell disaster for these beloved creatures.



Help save America's polar bears. Fill out the form below to tell the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that you support their proposal for increased polar bear protections.

*Please be sure to **personalize your message** to increase its effectiveness and ensure that your voice is heard.*

Provide Your Info and Customize Your Message

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Please customize the subject line and the text of this message with your own words.

Subject:

Dear *[Decision Maker]*,

Please personalize this message

As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, an animal enthusiast and someone concerned about global climate change, I am writing today to voice my strong support for the proposal to list polar bears as "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

As you know, at least five of the world's 19 polar bear populations are currently in decline from the complex effects of global warming. At this rate, the World Conservation Union (IUCN) is predicting a 30 percent reduction in polar bear numbers in the next 45 years.

In Alaska, we already see the effects of climate change, with the birth and survival rates of our polar bears plummeting as ice packs shrink and the bears' hunting opportunities become more limited.

As a global leader, the United States has an obligation to protect this majestic animal from extinction. Listing the polar bear alone isn't a solution. Any hopes for saving these animals should be coupled with a reduction greenhouse gas emissions to address the root cause of global warming. In addition, essential protections

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Join Robert Penguin and Sophie Minnow as they explore a death of a polar bear at the Natural History Museum, and find out about the "greatest lie ever told": that humans can live outside the web of life.



Is extinction stalking the polar bear?

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Help Protect the Polar Bear

The Fish and Wildlife Service has recently announced a proposal to list the polar bear as 'threatened' under the Endangered Species Act. This opens a 90-day public comment period. Afterwards, the FWWS will then undergo a 12-month review of all the comments, then issue a final ruling.

This means every comment makes a huge difference. Please send in your comment using the form below, and then pass this website along to your friends and family.

Follow these 3 easy steps to help out.

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Fish and Wildlife Service:

I am writing to submit my comment for the public record to list the polar bear as 'threatened' under the Endangered Species Act.

Recent science shows that polar bear populations are declining as a result of global warming.

Please list this magnificent species as 'threatened', and begin the adequate protections.

Sincerely,

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Help Get Polar Bears on the Endangered Species List



Polar bears are at risk and global warming is to blame. As warmer temperatures **cause sea ice to melt**, the bears are unable to hunt and make it safely back to shore.

Send an email to the Fish and Wildlife Service to **support their efforts** to save polar bears and their habitat.

Learn more about our [endangered species recovery efforts](#).

Send a Letter

To: **Supervisor U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office**

Subject: **Help Get Polar Bears on the Endangered Species List**

Dear [Decision Maker],

(edit letter below)

Thank you for proposing to list the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act . This species depends on Arctic sea ice for hunting and survival.

Warmer temperatures are melting sea ice earlier and faster than in the past. Consequently, the bears now have to swim farther in search of sea ice and may be drowning because of the longer distances.

Listing polar bears as threatened is one of the first crucial steps necessary to protect their habitat and ensure their survival. It also underscores the importance of taking immediate and effective action to limit global warming. What may seem like a small rise in temperatures is putting these Arctic icons in peril.

Thank you for taking action to conserve these majestic animals.

Sincerely,
[Your name]
[Your address]

Your Information

(all fields are required)



For Immediate Release, April 9, 2007

Contact: Brendan Cummings, Center for Biological Diversity, (760) 366-2232 x 304 or (951) 768-8301 (cell)
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Polar Bears Draw Record Public Response to Endangered Species Listing
More Than 500,000 Urge Feds to Pursue Protection Plan in Face of Global Warming

NEW YORK— In just 90 days, more than 500,000 Americans have urged federal officials to list polar bears as officially threatened under the Endangered Species Act due to the profound effect of global warming on the bears' habitat, according to U.S. government statistics. That figure is almost double the former record for the number of comments in an endangered-species listing case in American history.

The polar bear's sea-ice habitat is melting at a dangerous and unprecedented rate, according to internationally recognized scientists. At this rate, polar bears will not survive.

"The sense of urgency about the fate of the polar bears is like nothing we've ever seen in an endangered species listing," said Andrew Wetzler, director of the Endangered Species Project at the Natural Resources Defense Council. "The plight of these animals is critical, and so is the sense that the changes affecting them are eventually going to affect us. That's why there is such tremendous public support for getting this listing done."

In December, under pressure from a lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity, NRDC, and Greenpeace, the Bush administration proposed the listing. Today marks the end of the required 90-day comment period. The government has until early next year to decide whether to go forward with the plan.

Proposal to list polar bears as endangered species generates heavy public comment











The Associated Press

Published: April 9, 2007

ANCHORAGE, Alaska: More than 500,000 people have commented on a proposal to list polar bears as "threatened" under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Monday was the deadline for the public to weigh in on whether America's polar bears, found exclusively in Alaska, merit additional protection due to global warming.

Bruce Woods, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska, said Monday that e-mail comments alone topped the half-million mark. He said it could be several days before the agency has a tally on the number of comments but that the agency also received enough surface mail and petitions to fill multiple boxes.

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Responses to polar bear proposal swamp U.S. government

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CBC News

U.S. wildlife officials say it could take weeks to sort through anywhere between 500,000 and one million responses regarding whether to list the polar bear as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

A spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said it was surprised by the high number of e-mails and letters they received in the 90-day comment period that ended Monday, although they were expecting a strong response.

"It'll be a difficult process, to be sure," Bruce Woods told CBC News from Anchorage, Alaska, on Tuesday.

A spokesman for activist group Greenpeace said they generated at least 500,000 responses, but



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Minor Change + Block Edit

As someone who cares about protecting ~~the~~ ~~health of children and~~ ~~our~~ ~~environment~~, I am deeply ~~concerned~~ about the mercury contamination of our lakes and streams. Mercury descends from polluted air into water and then works its way up the food chain. It is especially dangerous to people and wildlife that consume large amounts of fish.

I urge you to reconsider your ~~agency's~~ approach and require power plants to reduce their emissions of mercury to the greatest extent possible. This is what the federal law requires, and also what the people and wildlife of this country deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Specifically, I am concerned that EPA is proposing a cap-and-trade system to manage mercury emissions. Under such a system, not all plants would have to reduce their harmful ~~emissions of mercury and some could even increase!~~ This approach is unacceptable for dealing with such a toxic pollutant - which is precisely why the Clean Air Act does not allow it. I urge you to reconsider your approach and require power plants to reduce their emissions of mercury to the greatest extent possible. This is what the federal law requires, and also what the people and wildlife of this country deserve.

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American citizens need to stand up for their rights. Which means the freedom to pursue life, liberty, health, and happiness. Everybody has the right to wake up each morning and breath the freshest air that this green earth can provide us, not what some government organization says that we need to put up with because they want their standards so lax. This is a democracy, by the people, for the people, not what Bush decides because it suits his mood. It concerns me to see so many people that I care about every day trying so hard to live with the mental and neurological problems that they have acquired, or were born with due to mercury poisoning.

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Bear Listing Proposal an Opportunity to Press for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Caps

Help us convince the GOP leadership that Republicans care about preserving America's natural heritage!

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- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Delivery Method:

- Email
 Printed Letter

Subject:

Polar Bears Need Strong Conservation Plan

Editable text:

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As a Republican who believes that conservation is conservative, I want to thank you for your proposal to list polar bears as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. This proposal recognizes a real and serious threat to the polar bear population and I strongly urge you to follow through and list the polar bear as a threatened species.

Once the listing is finalized, the next step is to adopt a conservation plan that will give this iconic American species a fighting chance to recover.

As your proposal states, the main threat to bears is shrinking of sea ice caused by rising temperatures. If nothing is done to

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Your Closing:

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Your Name:

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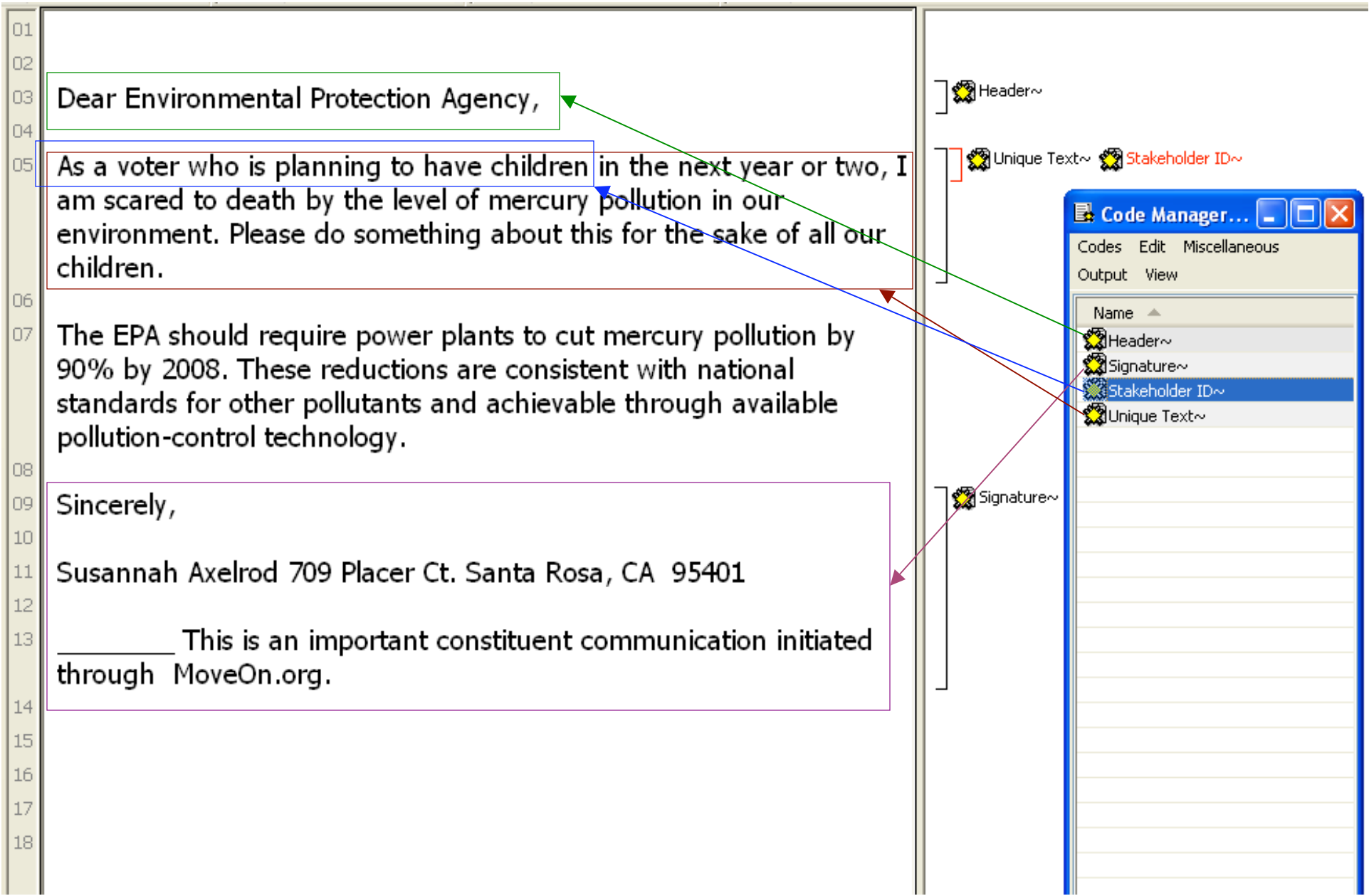
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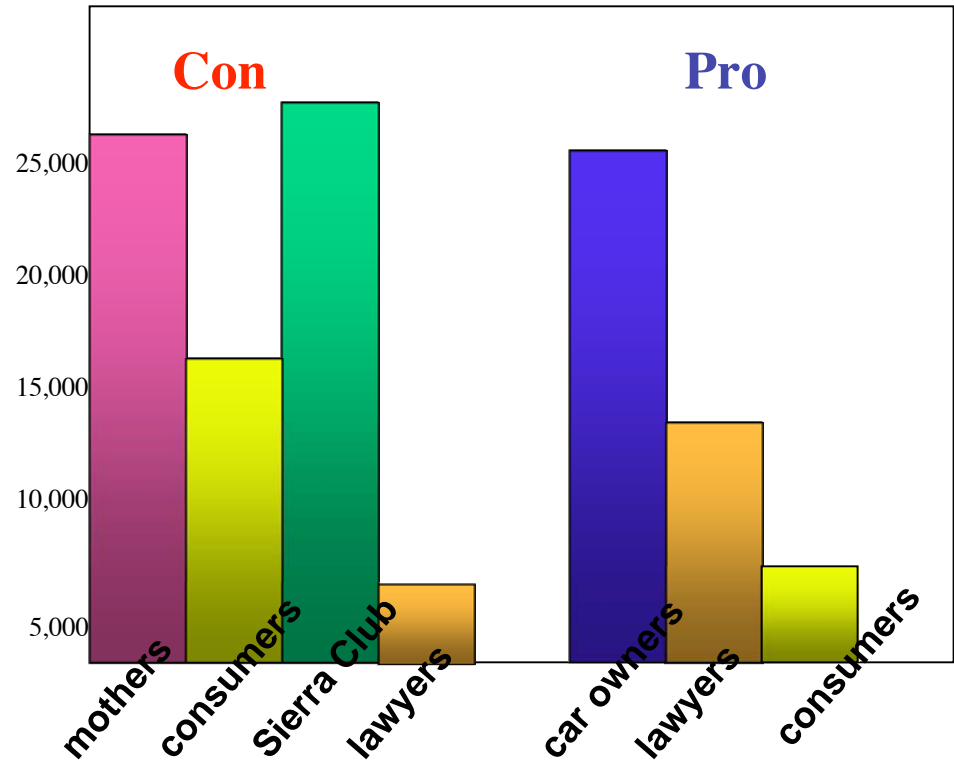
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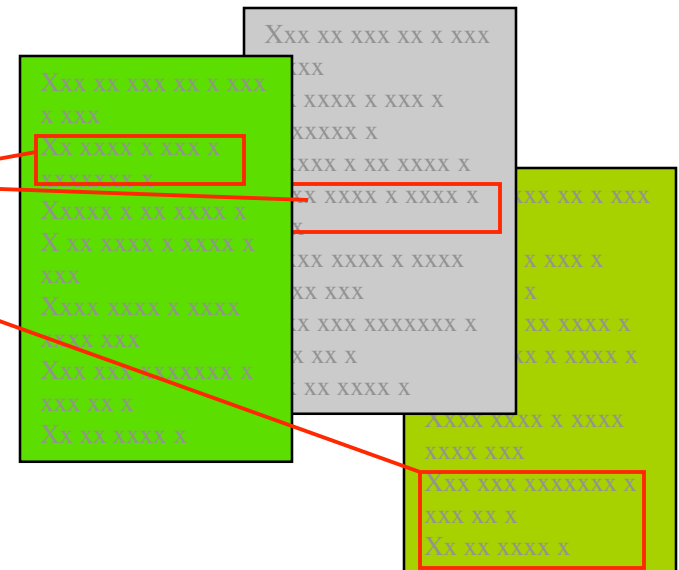
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Proposed Rule To List the Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*) as Threatened Throughout Its Range

RIN: 1018.AV19
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I strongly support your proposal to list the polar bear as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act . The scientific evidence that polar bears are threatened with extinction from global warming is overwhelming . Polar bears are completely dependent on Arctic sea ice to survive , but 80 percent of that ice could be gone in 20 years and all of it by 2040 . Polar bears are already suffering the effects : birth rates are falling , fewer cubs are surviving , and more bears are drowning . I am therefore very concerned that your proposal fails to identify global warming pollution as the cause of rising Arctic temperatures and vanishing sea ice . Our government's refusal to curb global warming pollution is a primary cause of the polar bear's melting habitat and terrible plight . It must be addressed . And while your proposal discusses the kind of habitat that is essential for the polar bear's survival , it does not designate any of it as " critical habitat " that could help the bear recover . Please act swiftly to finalize the listing of the polar bear and designate its critical habitat . We must act immediately if we are to save this magnificent Arctic creature from extinction .

The 2nd Biggest NRDC Sub-Group



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MESSAGE fws_200702140000_0007754 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

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The 3rd Biggest NRDC Sub-Group with Deleted Text Shown



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3	42	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated
4	24	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated
5	22	Polar bear endangered due to loss of	aggregated
6	19	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated

MESSAGE fws_200702140000_0003776 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

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The 5th Biggest NRDC Sub-Group

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1	213195	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated	-	rr	-
2	50	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated	-	unknown	-
3	42	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated	-	unknown	-
4	24	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated	-	unknown	-
5	22	Polar bear endangered due to loss of	aggregated	-	ctsg	-
6	19	Protect polar bears and their critical h	aggregated	-	unknown	-

MESSAGE fws_200704040000_0005429 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

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5th Largest NRDC Sub-Group Disaggregated



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	subject	sender	delivered	relay
1	I support endangered listing of the po	April Warwick awarwick@ak.net	2007-04-09	ctsg
2	Polar bear endangered due to loss of	April Rivkin Ameslake@centurytel.ne	2007-04-07	ctsg
3	Protect the polar bear and its shrinki	April Cornelius a.cornelius1@comca	2007-04-06	ctsg
4	I support endangered listing of the po	Inge Lewis inge4art@the-beach.net	2007-04-05	ctsg
5	Polar bear endangered due to loss of	Lisa Jensen ljensenadobera@earthli	2007-04-05	ctsg
6	Protect the polar bear and its shrinki	Linda Schrader lindaj@uci.net	2007-04-05	ctsg

MESSAGE fws_200704090000_0002480 [\[SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW\]](#) [\[SAVE\]](#) [\[ADD BOOKMARK\]](#)

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The Biggest Defenders of Wildlife Sub-Groups

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1	29232	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown
2	28275	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown
3	2702	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown
4	128	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown
5	88	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown
6	73	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown

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MESSAGE fws_200703130000_0000186 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

Dear Supervisor , As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife , an animal enthusiast and someone concerned about global climate change , I am writing today to voice my strong support for the proposal to list polar bears as " Threatened " under the Endangered Species Act . As you know , at least five of the world's 19 polar bear populations are currently in decline from the complex effects of global warming . At this rate , the World Conservation Union IUCN is predicting a 30 percent reduction in polar bear numbers in the next 45 years . In Alaska , we already see the effects of climate change , with the birth and survival rates of our polar bears plummeting as ice packs shrink and the bears' hunting opportunities become more limited . As a global leader , the United States has an obligation to protect this majestic animal from extinction . Listing the polar bear alone isn't a solution . Any hopes for saving these animals should be coupled with a reduction greenhouse gas emissions to address the root cause of global warming . In addition , essential protections against harmful oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other crucial habitat areas must be provided to ensure the survival of polar bears . Thank you for considering my comments .

The 2nd Biggest Defenders Sub-Group

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1	29232	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown	-
2	28275	Polar Bear Protections	aggregated	-	unknown	-
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MESSAGE fws_200701110000_0001900 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

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The smallest NRDC sub-groups

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27331	1	Protect polar bears and their critical habitat	mdja17@yahoo.com	2007-02-16	unknown	-
27332	1	Attn: Polar bear finding	lustaddlunacy@aol.com	2007-01-26	aol	-
27333	1	Attn: Polar bear finding	chowell@nationalallergy.	2007-01-26	nationalallergy	-
27334	1	Polar Bear Protections	Christopher Disario defen	2007-04-05	unknown	-
27335	1	Polar Bear Protections	Thomas Moran defenders	2007-01-18	unknown	-
27336	1	Attn: Polar Bear Finding	ken sandusky NationalWil	2007-03-10	unknown	-

MESSAGE fws_200702180000_0005717 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

I am a teacher , and formerly a math teacher , so I would like to approach this subject ☒ as if I were teaching math to my fifth graders , in the New York public school system , if I may . ☒ Polar bears are " completely dependent on Arctic sea ice to survive . " According to reports , " 80 percent of that ice could be gone in 20 years and all of it by 2040 " . I ask you children and Dr . Meehan and President Bush ☒ , how old are you now ? ? Being that our president was born in July of 1946 , that would make him ? ? That is correct . . . 60 years old . In 20 years when 80 percent of that ice is gone , how old will you be Dr . Meehan ? ? How old will your children be ? How old will ☒ the president be ? ? That is correct . He will be 80 years old in 2026 , when only a small portion of arctic ☒ ice will remain . If polar bears depend on that ice , does that mean only a small portion of ☒ polar bears will remain as well ? ? Yes . That is exactly what it means . And in 2040 , when all of the ice is gone , how old will you be Dr . Meehan , how old will your children be ? How old will the president be , if he is blessed with a life of longevity ? ? That is correct . In the year 2040 , if he is alive , the president will be 94 years old . Can we deduce from this , children and Dr . Meehan and Mr . President , that in less than the remainder of one person's lifetime , the survival of the polar bears will go from being threatened to being without hope ? As " birth rates fall , fewer cubs survive and more bears drown , " can we expect to see the eradication of this majestic animal before you fifth graders reach your 40th birthdays ? Indeed it is so . I hope I have accurately dealt with the truths of this frightening matter . Thirty years ago , global warming was a thing in the distant future , a threat not to worry about in the present . After seeing recent documentaries such as Al Gore's " An Inconvenient Truth , " it is obvious that 40 years in the future kind ☒ of like that statistic about the polar bear will sneak up on us before we realize what has happened . We cannot play God anymore ; Polar bears are drowning . The sadness that that engenders in people is tremendous . Thank you for your time and concern . .

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MESSAGE fws_200704050000_0032067 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

Dear Supervisor , Global warming is now not just a theory , it is a reality . And a very sad reality for the fates of polar bears living in Alaska . With habitat slowly , but surely melting , these arctic creatures are constantly with a lack of food and this is causing many to starve and die out . These animals' futures need to be secured , and it is up to the United States to serve as an example . Polar bears need to be given increased protection . They are everyday becoming more threatened and without our help , could become extinct . Not only do they need extra protection in the wild , but the United States as a country needs to tighten the belt on green house gas emission . I don't know actually statistics , but I do know that the United States puts out a gross of the greenhouse gas in the entire world . We are supposed to be the titans and the leaders of this world ? We need to make a stand against injustice for our animals . They are forever our brethren and need our help now most . Please consider this .

MESSAGE fws_200703130000_0001717 [SHOW DIFF with SEED DOCUMENT in NEW WINDOW] [SAVE] [ADD BOOKMARK]

We must find alternatives to fuel our economy immediatly . The balance has tipped , and we are on a slippery slope . If you pad your pockets at the expense of our childrens' futures there is no future . Let us not be remembered as ignorant of the effects of billions on the world's systems . This is a larger topic than just the bewars and fish . It is 2007 and we are relying on centuries old technology and finite resources to conduct our daily routines . Have we not risen to the level of controlling our destinies ? Will we not take it upon ourselves noe to fix these problems that are so obvios to so many of us ? Please do the will of the people-Make transition alternative feuls a national project of urgancy .



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lifeguardct@aol.com 02-08-2007 80 **oppose listing** the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Supervisor - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Marine Mammals Management Office 1011 East Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99503 Dear U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: **oppose listing**

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2. [fws_200704060000_0015923](#)
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...comments on polar bear **listing** Anchorage, AK 99503 RE: Comments in Opposition to the Proposed Rule to List the Polar Bear as a Threatened Species, January 9, 2007 Federal Register Notice, 1064-1099 Dear Sir or Madam, or Madam ... the proposed rule to **list** ... resources **opposed listing** of the polar... of **listing** as Threatened would... is concerned that a **listing** will instead be...

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3. [fws_200704050000_0018102](#)
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...-05-2007 1625 **Listing** From the desk of: Judge Jay R. Miller 1056 Anthony Road - Common Fence Point Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871 210-410-9000 March 29, 2007 Rosa H. Meehan, PhD Supervisor, Marine Mammals Management U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Region 7, Alaska 1011 East Tudor Road, MS-341 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (email: Polar_Bear_Finding@fws.gov) RE: ESA Listing of Polar Bears Dear Dr. Meehan: ... for Biological Diversity **list** the Polar Bear as... only organizations , that could **oppose** the petition , are likely... benefits , to those who **oppose** this **listing** , and take the appropriate... its habitats . Please **list** the Polar Bear as...

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4. [fws_200704050000_0010490](#)
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...supporter of Defenders of Wildlife BEG you **listing** ... about desperate plight of bears **OPPOSE** THIS ?? Whose perspective could be so twisted that they would find ANYTHING to **oppose** ? Surely their motives must be questioned , ...



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...finding Supervisor Rosa Meehan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Marine Mammals Management Office 1011 East Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99503 Dear Supervisor Meehan, **Al Gore's** Stop Global Warming , but nobody want's to help plant pine or other shrubs . Cannot...
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4. [fws_200702151000_0004710](#)

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[-] **person (1155)**

- a person (1/5 new)
- a person trained by the climate project in global warming and giving presentations (2/2 new)
- an individual that (1/1 new)
- a person who is concerned about global climate change (1/1 new)
- an animal advocate and someone concerned the loss of habitat for arctic and anarctic wildlife (1/1 new)
- only one person(1)
- a real living caring person with a family (1/1 new)
- the most educated person (1/1 new)
- a person who s very concerned about global climate change (1/1 new)

[-] **adult (22)**

- **conservative (1)**
- a true conservative(1)
- **oldster (1)**
- a senior citizen without any children(1)
- **policy maker (1)**
- a policy maker(1)

[-] **professional (19)**

- a forestry professional(1)

[-] **educator (15)**

- an environmental engineer and educator(2)
- educator(1)
- a volunteer educator at the milwaukee county zoo and someone (1/1 new)
- an educator(1)
- **professor (2)**
- a professor of zoology(1)
- a professor of cultural geography and also of environmental science(1)

[-] **teacher (8)**

- a teacher (1/4 new)
- a teacher of science to 3rd and 4th grades(1)
- a teacher of 25 years(1)
- **schoolteacher (1)**
- a school teacher (1/1 new)
- **science teacher (1)**

☐ **scientist (38)**

- a scientist (3/4 new)
- an american citizen and scientist(1)
- a veterinarian and scientist(1)

☐ **biologist (30)**

- a biologist (3/12 new)
- a conservation biologist(2)
- a retired wildlife biologist(2)
- a professional wildlife biologist with more than 50 years of experience (2/2 new)
- a marine biologist(2)
- a biologist with a private consulting company in san luis obispo(2)
- a professional biologist(1)
- a wildlife biologist(1)
- a former usfws field biologist(1)

ecologist (4)

- a restoration ecologist(1)
- a professional wildlife ecologist(1)
- an ecologist (1/1 new)
- a professional ecologist(1)

naturalist (1)

- a professional naturalist(1)

physicist (1)

- an applied physicist studying optical radiation transfer (1/1 new)

research worker (1)

- a former usda forest service researcher(1)

someone (144)

- someone concerned about global climate change (33/63 new)
- someone (4/61 new)
- someone deeply concerned about global climate change (4/4 new)
- someone who (3/3 new)
- someone very concerned about global climate change (1/2 new)
- someone extremely concerned about global climate change(1)
- someone concerned about climate change(1)
- someone profoundly concerned about global climate change (1/1 new)
- someone who is concerned about global climate change(1)
- someone scared and concerned about global warming (1/1 new)
- someone concerned about animals(1)



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Polar Bear Protections

Jan 19, 2007

Fish & Wildlife Service Marine Mammals Mgmt Office Supervisor

1011 East Tudor Road

Anchorage, AK 99503

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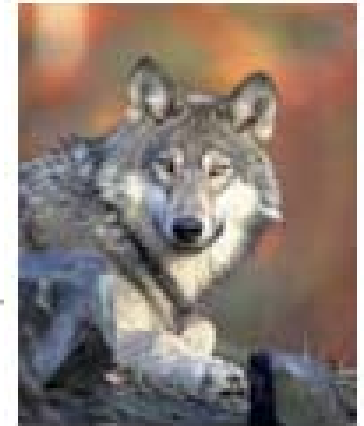
Sincerely,

Richard Jackson

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