by a ten-year moratorium on killing whales, the U.S. tuna industry continues to kill hundreds of thousands of these small whales (dolphins) annually.

TUNA BAN

There is little hope for saving the dolphins either in the Courts or in Congress. As long as the tuna industry claims they have to kill dolphins to catch tuna fish, it is unlikely the Government will make them stop. However, the consumer can effectively influence the tuna industry by refusing to buy any tuna products until they solve this problem. The tuna industry will find it is cheaper to devise new fishing techniques than it is to sell no tuna. Patricia Forkan, HSUS program coordinator, stated in her testimony before the House Subcommittee that HSUS constituents were taking steps on their own to save dolphins by boycotting all tuna products. "It is the only path left open to us."

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TUNA INDUSTRY'S TASKS

• Develop new fishing gear and techniques that will truly reduce mortality and injury to near zero. This is crucial not only for U.S. fleets but also foreign fleets which have begun to use purse seine nets.
• Some tuna boat captains have better records than others. Regulations and a training course will truly reduce mortality and injury to near zero. What good does it do to buy tuna not caught on dolphins such as white Albacore, or dark Skip Jack from the same company? They are still selling tuna. Also, it is not always easy to tell which is which. Remember not to buy any tuna pet food either.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Join with HSUS in our fight to keep dolphins out of tuna nets.
2. Help educate your neighbors by handing out this leaflet, writing letters to the editor, calling radio shows, talking at your next humane society meeting or other local organizations, getting school clubs to help. Some student groups have convinced their board of education not to serve tuna in school cafeterias.
3. Let your Congressmen know how you feel. Write to President Ford and ask him to invoke that part of the Marine Mammal Act which allows the United States to embargo any fish products coming from foreign countries not adhering to our laws protecting dolphins.
4. Write to the Presidents of these major canning companies and tell them why you are no longer buying any tuna products.

Because of the expense involved in printing a special Annual Report for 1975, we have chosen to include in this issue of The Humane Society News the financial report for the calendar year 1975. We are pleased to report that the income for 1975 was an increase over the previous year of $376,026. Expenses for our various programs and activities also increased during 1975 in the amount of $40,280. The scope of our programs and activities has been presented in the various issues of The Humane Society News and Special Reports. However, a printed copy of The President’s Report for 1975 is available upon request.

We are grateful for your continuing support and encouragement as we expand our outreach and efforts to insure protection from cruelty and abuse for our fellow creatures. Though this is a never ending battle, we are confident there is a growing awareness and commitment to the welfare of animals. We urge you to join us in enlisting the commitment and support of all citizens of our nation in advancing this great cause.

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