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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

I would like to urge you to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for use in the food chain. Instead, the animals should either be humanely euthanized or released to the care of veterinarians or to a non-profit organization with individuals who are willing and able to take care of the animal, and who might be able to restore the animal's health and strength. Downed animals comprise only a very small percentage of animals slaughtered for the market, and it makes sense to treat them humanely as possible.

If you could promote better care and handling of animals, you would more than likely substantially reduce this problem and eliminate the potential of inhumane treatment of downed animals as well as the spread of potentially serious diseases in the food chain.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

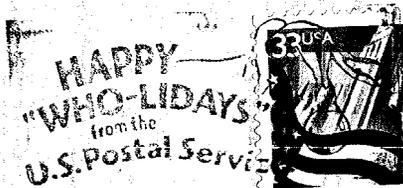
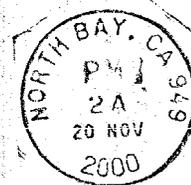


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