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Please prohibit slaughter of downed animals. Principally, I admit the main reasons for me are ethical. Immediate euthanizing would alleviate suffering of these unfortunate and sick beings. Furthermore, such regulation would encourage handlers of these animals to treat them more gently. From a public health standpoint there is significantly increased risk of bacterial contamination of the flesh in downers. Since their numbers are a small percentage of the total; the economic repurcussions would be minimal. Thank You for your attention.

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