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COMMENT: RE: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

Please grant Petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket #98P-0151/CP1.

Animals that are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human chain. Additionally, they pose an increased risk for Bacterial Contamination.

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It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely - they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - How pathetic!!

These animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their market will cause no undue economic hardship.

Downed animals can be prevented w/better care + handling - Pls remove the market for downed animals and provide an incentive for the industry to prevent Downed Animals in the first place.

Thank You!

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