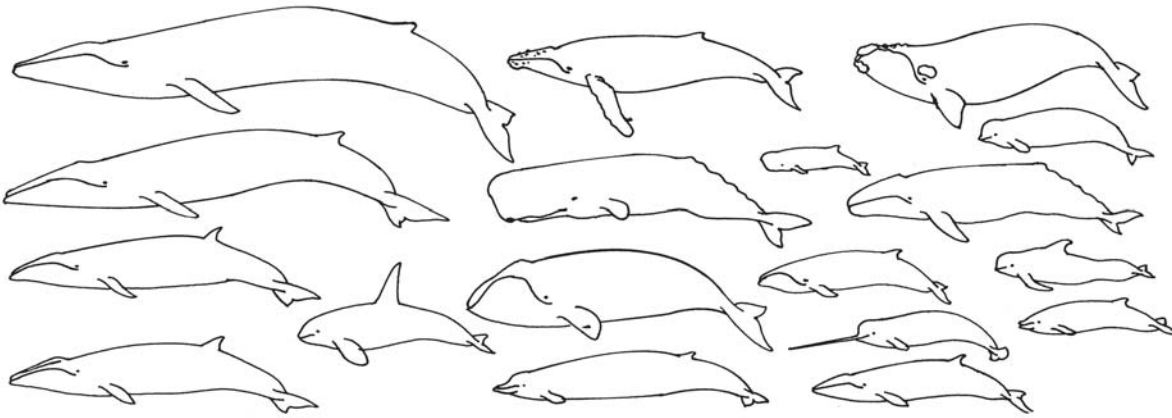


W H A L E P E T I T I O N



- Blue Whale
- Fin Whale
- Sei Whale
- Bryde's Whale
- Minke Whale
- Humpback Whale
- Pygmy Sperm Whale
- Sperm Whale
- Pygmy Right Whale
- Right Whale
- Bowhead Whale
- Baird's Beaked Whale
- Gray Whale
- Pilot Whale
- Cuvier's Beaked Whale
- Narwhal
- Beluga Whale
- Orca - Killer Whale

Mr. President Obama:

Please honor the pledge you made to strengthen the moratorium on commercial whaling and oppose any proposal that would legitimize commercial whaling. For nearly a quarter century, the International Whaling Commission's moratorium on commercial whaling has helped keep endangered species of whales from being hunted to extinction.

The proposed weakening of the ban on whaling would legitimize the killing of endangered whales and allow commercial whaling in the Southern Whale Sanctuary. I urge you to instead support Australia's proposal which would put an end to all whaling in the Southern Ocean.

The IWC whaling moratorium has been integral to the slow recovery of several species of whale once on the brink of extinction. The United States has a long history of being a leader in whale conservation and I urge you to continue in that role.



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