



PACIFIC WHALE FOUNDATION

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Dear Senator Inouye,

I am writing in follow up to your letter dated June 9, 2009 in which you stated "...I will keep your thoughts in mind should H.R. 81 come before full Senate for consideration."

Our mission at Pacific Whale Foundation is to promote appreciation, understanding and protection of whales, dolphins, coral reefs and our planet's oceans. We accomplish this by educating the public – from a scientific perspective – about the marine environment. We support and conduct responsible marine research and address marine conservation issues in Hawaii and the Pacific. Through educational ecotours, we model and promote sound ecotourism practices and responsible wildlife watching.

As you may be aware the Hawaii legislature is currently addressing the cruel and unnecessary practice of shark finning with SB 2169. Pacific Whale Foundation and its 250,000 active members and supporters provided full support of SB2169 and are in full support of S. 850.

We ask that you sign on as a co-sponsor S. 850 and vote in favor of S. 850 setting the United States as a leader in the global campaign to protect sharks. I look forward to a response outlining your plan of action regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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