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Kerry Bill Protects Whales Against Pollution, Accidental Death

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.), Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and lead author of the Senate’s global climate change and environmental legislation, today will introduce legislation to advance whale preservation worldwide.

The *International Whale Conservation and Protection Act of 2010* will combat the major threats whales face, including commercial whaling, ship strikes, and habitat disruption.

“Thousands of whales die each year from commercial whaling, ship strikes, and habitat disruption,” said Senator John Kerry. “We should be leading the effort to protect them.”

The *International Whale Conservation and Protection Act of 2010* will:

- promote international protection efforts in whales’ natural habitats;
- strengthen international organizations’ efforts, including the United Nations Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), and the International Maritime Organization;
- ensure the IWC commercial whaling ban is protected;
- reduce or eliminate human-caused injury, harassment, or disturbance; and
- expand research to improve global understanding of whales including health and reproduction, whale habitats and the impacts of human activities and other threats to whales.

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