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**RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1
Downed Animals**

Docket Manager:

I am writing in support of Docket # 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of "downed" animals. In spite of the fact that animals are severely abused, it is not healthy for human consumption to eat the remains of any animal that has taken ill. Animals that are hurt and continue to become abused can produce hormones that affect the meat they produce and the public should not be exposed to this, especially those with weak immune systems like the sick, elderly and the young. If an animal is ill or unable to walk it should be put down humanely. This will benefit all kinds.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I am so glad that there may be resolution to this soon.

Regards,

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