

The Media and The Eco Terrorists

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During the last three weeks since the tsunami disaster in South Asia, the media has given the incidents in the different regions substantial coverage. We have been watching the same images over and over again. Due to this intensive coverage, individuals, private companies and governments from all over the world have contributed money, material and equipment to the disaster areas, and it has been pointed out by news papers, journalists and columnists the importance of rebuilding the areas with housing and supply new fishing boats and gear so that people can get their livelihood back. This is all very good, and we can all agree to this.

However, the seal hunting season on the Canadian east coast will soon start. It is interesting to see that journalists/columnists, who the day before were writing about the importance to get the tsunami victims back on foot and to restore their livelihood, the next day are very adamant in not allowing the Canadian fishermen and seal hunters on the Canadian east coast to restore their livelihood which with the help of the media was destroyed by the Eco Terrorists (ET) about two to three decades ago.

One has to admit that the ET understand how to use the media. Their strategy has been excellent. They develop their case and they ensure that there is a sensational aspect in it. That common sense is completely lacking, does not mean anything. When a case includes a sensation, it is perfect for the media. Everybody will gobble it up, and some journalists and columnists will write about it as if it is their own opinion. A good example is the "Save the Seal" campaign which was started a few decades ago. The ET developed some very graphic pictures of the seal hunt including the killing and skinning of the baby seals. The pictures were shown on the world TV's and the ET scored a major victory in their effort to destroy the eco system of the world.

The Canadian government closed the seal hunt although there were lots of warnings that if the seal hunt was closed, the balance of the ecosystem on the east coast would be destroyed which would have a very negative impact on the livelihood of the people in the north west Atlantic.

A few years ago, the Canadian government acknowledged that the warnings that they had received were correct. The seal population had exploded from about 1.8 million to more than 5 million, and because a seal eats fish, the cod fish stock had been completely decimated. The result, the livelihood of the fishing communities on the Canadian east coast, the north coast and on the west coast of Greenland had been destroyed.

In the article I read a few days ago, the columnist was strongly against the seal hunt and that the seal at all had any impact on the fish stock had not been proved 'scientifically'. Apparently, it was not possible for the columnist to see the logic in that if the seal population in the area was increased three fold it could only have a devastating impact on the cod stock. For sure, the ET are very sophisticated in brain washing people. It is not the old primitive and rude method as used in the old USSR. No, develop a case, give it to the media, which is not questioning anything, and not at any time applying any common sense to assess the information, and in no time a public opinion/perception is developed based solely on misinformation. As soon as a public perception has been developed, the ET are going after the politicians who are in charge of

the different wildlife/fishing management programs that the ET wants to close. The politicians having been elected from the general public, urban or rural, are following the perception of the general public. No matter if it is right or wrong. Few if any politician has the spine to stand up and oppose the will of the people. Reelection is more important than maintaining the balance in the ecosystem.

In the western world, we have a free press, and we are happy to have that. However, in my opinion, this places a responsibility on the press to assess the information before it is distributed. It is obvious that the ET organizations are not interested in maintaining any ecological balance in our wild resources. However, they are very interested in collecting money from naive and well-meaning people all over the world. When a program such as the "Save the Seal" now is starting to lose steam, the ET in Canada, the US and in Europe are moving into overdrive to save the program. I hope the world will start to see what these ET organizations are standing for.

The "Save the Seal" campaign is not the only one launched by the ET over time. We have the "Save the Wolf" and "Save the Whale" among others. These campaigns were introduced to the media/public the same way. Give it to the media, brainwash the journalists and develop a public perception. The "Save the Wolf" has in fact been expanded to also 'save the bear, save the cougar or save any type of predator'. Note, there has never been a campaign to save the ungulates. The "Save the Wolf" has had a tremendous negative effect on the wildlife in Canada. For example on Vancouver Island, where all predators except the grizzly bear are represented, there has in general been no predator control performed over the last three to four decades. The result, the deer population which was about 250,000 has been reduced to about 50,000 today. Because we are on an island, the predators may also start to starve to death before the wildlife is all destroyed.

The wildlife manager, the minister, has several times tried to just talk about starting to do some predator control. However, every time, the media has immediately been all over him. The journalists seem to have been brainwashed to a degree that anti-hunting is now a religion for them. One should think that they should be able to understand that it is better to have a balanced wildlife population than nothing. No, as they claim, it is not acceptable to kill just one wolf for the benefit of other animals, and it is absolutely not acceptable to kill a wolf so that the hunter can get more deer to kill. The number of predators on the island may have been up to 15,000 to 20,000 resulting in that most of the young deer have been taken by predators every spring.

It is the same problem in several other areas in British Columbia. Another example is in the far north of Canada where a caribou herd ten years ago counted about 400,000 animals. At the same time, the wolf population in the area was maintained at about 15,000. Then the ET managed to have the wolf hunting closed. A few months ago, there were articles in the newspapers and in some outdoors magazines telling us that the herd now counted about 180,000 animals. However the 'scientists' could not give any explanation for the reduction, but it could be because of global warming! A very politically correct explanation. Not a word was mentioned about the wolf. Most likely, the wolf population without hunting pressure over a period of 10 years could have expanded to about 60,000 animals, which would be a good explanation for the decline in the caribou herd.

Another problem which will affect the whole globe is the rapid increase in the whale population. Although, I understand, some species are still at risk, some other species are now at numbers never seen before. We are told that the total population of whales in the oceans now has a yearly consumption in tonnage of fish in the order of 3 to 6 times the world commercial fishing fleet. This could cause serious problems for the world community. As the whales are mostly taking the food fish which are also needed by the other fish, this could cause serious long-term problems for the commercial fishing industry and thereby the supply of fish for communities all over the world. The ET are still fighting hard to prevent whaling to start again. However, some countries are determined to start hunting again. Will it be too late?

We cannot blame everything on the media, although they in my opinion are mostly to blame. By applying some common sense, they would not blindly have participated in spreading misinformation. The other players that I would blame are the Wildlife Federations. Each Canadian province has a Federation. They are all claiming that they stand on guard for the environment and our wildlife. However, not that long ago the president of one of these federations wrote in their magazine "while the antis are spending lots of money on TV ads and other advertising, we quietly continue with our work". If this is the general attitude in the Wildlife Federations, it explains why we never or very seldom hear or see them speak out in the media.

I expect that we all want to see a sustainable use of our wild resources, animals and fish. However, if the general public only has the ET to listen to, they have to believe that the ET is telling them the right thing. If the world community of Hunters, Fishermen and proponents of Sustainable Use of our Wild Resources do not soon get their act together and start to in an effective way to counteract the propaganda spread by the ET and re-educate the general public, they are themselves to blame for the destruction of our wild resources. There will be no excuse! The ET has been around for half a century and at the moment they seem to be in full control. The ET have met very little resistance.

The Et want us to stop taking animals and fish for consumption. We are not to kill any animal/fish. We shall all be vegetarians. If we follow the advise/dictate of the ET, the world ecosystem will be destroyed with disastrous consequences for the whole world. Remember, back in the 1930ties in the USSR, Stalin on purpose destroyed the livelihood for the Russian farmer. Within a few years, millions of people had perished.

I do not think that the ET are thinking that far, however, in my opinion, the Eco Terrorism could be far more destructive to the world than the military terrorism currently being fought in many parts of the world.