

Ailsa Craig Ontario
July 2010

Re: Ailsa Craig Turtle Races:

Whom it May Concern:

I am very concerned as to the power given to groups who are minorities in this country.

These minorities were allowed to disrupt an event that has gone on for 35 years with no issues in regards to animal welfare. When a very few people are allowed to make fact-less decisions it upsets me greatly.

Although it was reported that this was a decision driven by the Ministry of Natural Resources, it is evident that this ministry buckled to the pressure of those who were going to “protest”.

I would like to ask you how you can allow fishing derbies and worm pickers to continue. Do they always return their catch “unharmd” to the wild? What about young children catching butterflies and fireflies?

I believe it is time to listen to those who are affected and come up with a resolution that will allow us to continue hold our annual event unaltered in the best interest of those affected. I would charge you with taking a stance and intervene with this issue with the hope of resolution!

Thank-you