

PE2202/J: Stop the Guga Hunt

Iain Morrison written submission, 6 March 2026

I am not going to bore you with a verbose dismissal of the blatant falsehood of this petition, suffice to say it is ill informed and dishonest.

There are many reasons why this traditional harvest is much more humane and less objectionable than traditional farming methods, culls and sporting activities in despatching animals.

Are we going to ban meat eating of all kinds?

Or will we virtue signal by vilifying a small local sustainable activity?

The key message I wish to convey that overrides any concerns raised is as follows. When there was no harvest during WW2 the gannet population on Sula Sgeir declined significantly as food sources could not sustain the whole population, resulting in significant suffering and fatalities in the gannet colony during these years.

Recognition of this fact encouraged Greenpeace to cease their well publicised campaign against the harvest a number of years ago.

I would be grateful if this emotive but non factual petition is not allowed to waste Scottish Parliament time, and allow MSPs to continue to concentrate on the matters of importance in our society.