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December 8, 2023

Dear <<First Name>>,



**Fred Brown** creates giant beach art with pro-animal, pro-environmental, social justice messages. This summer, he graced the Scarborough (U.K.) beach with our logo!

We hope the holiday season finds you well and in good cheer. It's been another busy year for Fish Feel! Here are some of the highlights:

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Animal Activism Mentorship's Week of Action in Washington, D.C. Later in the year, we did a [webinar](#) hosted by the organization.

On Earth Day, we co-presented with Jonathan Balcombe (author of *What a Fish Knows*) a masterclass for certified lifestyle coaches & educators of [Main Street Vegan](#) Academy. We also fielded questions after the presentation of *Eating Our Way to Extinction*, for the [Reel & Meal](#) program.

### Outreach

We observed [World Day for the End of Fishing](#) by [distributing information](#) outside of the National Aquarium.

Youth fishing "rodeos" are a great way to teach children to abuse animals. We attended a number of them in Maryland and Virginia, documenting cruelty and [distributing coloring books](#) with a pro-fishes/anti-fishing message. These events are held across the country. If you'd like to hand out coloring books at such an event(s), you can print them from our [Kids' page](#) or contact us for supplies: [Info@FishFeel.org](mailto:Info@FishFeel.org).



We spoke with many people and handed out lots of literature at 9 [vegfests](#) in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

In July, we helped Direct Action Everywhere – Baltimore [leaflet](#) at the Baltimore Crab Festival.



### Publication & Interview

"Worse Things Happen at Sea" is the title of our article on climate change and its effects on aquatic animals, published in the Spring issue of [Pathways Magazine](#). It also includes an ad for [Fish Feel t-shirts](#) and the [children's book, An Underwater Friend](#). Heartfelt thanks to Cam MacQueen for facilitating it. And to all of our volunteers: Thank you very much!

Fish Feel letters were published in [large](#) and [small](#) newspapers, most recently [one in the Los Angeles Times](#). (Another, to The Baltimore Sun, is currently pending.)

**Policy**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has, at long last, drafted a management plan for **cownose rays**. We are coordinating the **Save the Rays Coalition's** response to it. A public comment period may follow, and if so we will alert you to it.

We are also working on an entry about fishing for a new law encyclopedia; and we recently rallied local activists to oppose the release of fishes in a Maryland lake for the purpose of fishing.

The Animal Welfare Institute is urging people to **submit comments** in support of NOAA's proposal "to ban the import and export of Banggai cardinalfish, a species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act that is being removed in unsustainable numbers from the wild to supply the aquarium trade." Comments are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make your voice known for them.

Be sure to check out **our Facebook page**, where news, videos, and other interesting information is posted daily.

**Karen Davis**

We close with a **remembrance of Karen Davis**, founder and president of **United Poultry Concerns**. Karen was a powerhouse of activism for animals, and a great friend, mentor, and supporter of Fish Feel. She leaves a vast body of her brilliant work for animal advocates to draw on.

*"Incredibly beautiful and mysterious.*



**Karen & Mary**

*It breaks my heart to see fishes living their complex, autonomous lives and realizing how fragile they are in the dystopian world our misguided species is making for all species on earth.*

*Gorgeous creatures, these wonderful aquatic beings are."*  
~ Karen Davis

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