

Melissa Ells wrote:

I too have felt harassed by ANTI-SEAL advocates COUNTLESS times. They make me nervous because they yell, scream, are vulgar, and appear threatening. Please make it stop. I don't feel safe being at the Children's Pool with so many seal haters in my presence. I want to enjoy going to the Children's Pool and watch the seals NOT see humans swimming and divers diving. Sorry, but that's NOT relaxing. I have never seen the animal protection people act or be violent, and they never harass anyone who hates the seals. I have heard them call down to people to "please stay back from the seals" but then so have the lifeguards. Is it the contention of those who claim their rights are being violated that the lifeguards harass them too by telling them to stay back? Shouldn't the parents who take their young children and babies swimming in that polluted water be charged as criminals? Is that water clean and safe? Is it not dangerous swimming with a wild animal??? Is it not full of seal poop??? Quite the contrary. Their signs are NOT confusing unless you are a complete idiot. The signs read "PLEASE DO NOT GO ON THE BEACH". They DO NOT read "DO NOT GO ON THE BEACH, YOU ARE PROHIBITED FROM GOING ON THE BEACH, BEACH ACCESS IS NOT ALLOWED, YOU MUST NOT GO ON THE BEACH, etc etc etc. SEE THE DIFFERENCE??? Anti-seal people tend to interpret the signs in such a way that fits into their ultimate agenda of permanent removal of the seals so that all the deprived children may swim at the Children's Pool yet once again. Awww... poor babies. Here's a newsflash: GET OVER IT!!! This controversy has become a national media event, and San Diego is becoming the laughing stock of the nation. ABC's World News Nightline was at the Children's Pool and they were able to successfully get on VIDEO 3 divers who accomplished their ultimate goal of flushing between 60-80 seals as was witnessed by ABC, the public, and MANY animal-rights Pro Seal supporters who DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE SEALS DISPERSED. Also, worth noting, Donna Frye was present and went on camera with ABC, NOW THE WHOLE WORLD CAN SEE HOW THE DIVERS FLUSH THE PEACEFUL SLEEPING SEALS WHO WERE JUST TRYING TO REST. God forbid we should give them just one beach when we have miles and miles of other beaches in our county where we can swim.

Efforts to document the incidents reported got nowhere though she insisted it occurred 5/29/2009. ABC's World News Nightline had nothing about Children's Pool searching back several months.

Mellisa was advised how to send a sworn statement to NOAA law enforcement to kick off prosecution for the incident she said she witnessed.

No reply. We forwarded her accusation to NOAA law enforcement, which only replied "*I had a report that this occurred*".