

# Baby Seals

Cute and Endangered

# Introduction

- Baby seals? Seriously?
  - Yes. Time was running short and I didn't know what else to do
  - I also have fun facts about seals in general
- Do you really think seals are cute?
  - Hell yeah, check this shit out...

WS Scans



# Random Seal Facts

- Pups are able to swim and dive within hours of birth
- Females outlive males
  - 30 – 35 years vs. 20 – 25 years
- They can hold their breath for a long time...
  - Like... ridiculously long
  - I'm talking two hours long...

# Random Seal Facts

- They're polygynous
  - Males will breed with dozens of females in a season
  - They even have harems!
- Females have a postpartum oestrus
  - WTE???
  - It means they can have sex not long after giving birth
  - Saves them having to come on shore twice, once to give birth and once to mate
  - Very efficient

# Baby Seal Clubbing

- I don't mean baby seals that go to clubs...
- There really is a group called “The Seal Cub Clubbing Club”
  - There's currently 5 members



- But it's okay, they're just a band

# Baby Seal Clubbing

- But seriously....



- Not cool

# Seal Hunting

- Why?
  - For pelts, blubber, meat, and population control
- But wait.... I thought you said they were endangered?
  - I lied
  - Well...
  - I half lied
- Some seals are endangered
  - Like the Hawaiian monk seal
- Others are not
  - Like the harp seal



# Seal Hunting

- So who is responsible for killing these cute little creatures?
- Greenland, Namibia, Norway, and Russia all do it
  - Namibia? Seriously?
  - Seriously
- One other country does it too... and in fact does most of the World's seal hunting
- Go Canada!

# Conclusion

- Baby seals are cute
- Seals can do cool-ass things like hold their breath underwater for two hours
- Some seals are endangered
- Those that aren't... probably still shouldn't club them over the head with a spiky pole

