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The Institute of Cetacean Research / Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha

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Joint Statement on Court ruling by the U.S. District Court

The Institute of Cetacean Research and Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha Ltd. are disappointed that the Court did not award a Preliminary Injunction that would prevent Sea Shepherd from physically attacking their vessels during the current research season.

The Institute of Cetacean Research and Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha Ltd. will study the details of the ruling once it is issued. The court has not yet issued a ruling on Sea Shepherd's motion to have the case dismissed.

The Institute of Cetacean Research and Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha Ltd. are now evaluating their options to ensure safety at sea in the future.

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