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Re: Questions for International Wildlife Conservation Council (FWS-HQ-R-2018-N030)

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Prashant K. Khetan and I am Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel of Born Free USA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending animal cruelty and protecting threatened wildlife. I am writing to submit the following questions for response at the first meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (the "IWCC") on March 16, 2018:

1. How will the IWCC ensure that the views of those with information and/or statistics that show that trophy hunting does not aid wildlife conservation be taken into account when the IWCC is carrying out its enumerated functions?
2. Studies have shown that, while it costs around \$50,000 to hunt one elephant in a trophy hunt, that same elephant, if allowed to live, could generate 30 times that value over its lifetime in eco-friendly tourism. Considering these statistics, will the IWCC also focus on investigating the benefits of Americans participating in eco-friendly tourism in Africa?

In addition to the above questions from Born Free USA, I wanted to bring to the attention of the IWCC that we solicited questions from the public. In a short span of several days, we received over 600 questions/comments from individuals who questioned the conservation value of trophy hunting. Enclosed are a sample of those unedited questions/comments.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Questions Submitted by Public for IWCC

1. When these animals are facing extinction why should humans still be allowed to hunt them for sport? At what point is there survival more important than your "thrill of the hunt"? It shouldn't be a question of money, it should be a question of right and wrong. Trophy hunting for no other reason than to kill a large animal is wrong.
2. What is most beneficial to local communities: Ecotourism, which produces long-term income for a variety of business, or trophy hunting fees which go directly into the pockets of local strongmen. How does killing more animals --additional to those poached and killed at the behest of Chinese traders-- help African wildlife.
3. Why do you persist with promoting this atrocity when these countries benefit from tourism without killing?
4. Why can't you all make stricter worldwide laws protecting wildlife from poachers & trophy murderers!! Botswana now shoots poachers, why can't the rest of the world do the same?? We need military help on this!!
5. What can your organization do to stop poachers.
6. Do your hunters actually look into the eyes of the victim animal before murdering him or her? Do they realize the same spirit flows through all living beings?
7. 3. HOW IS IT "MANLY" TO MURDER GOD'S OTHER CREATURES? 4. WHY NOT SPEND THE \$\$\$ IT COSTS TO KILL THEM ON SAVING THEM, INSTEAD?
8. If trophy hunting contributes so much to conservation, then why are we facing a sixth mass extinction? There are so many species facing extinction, and yet these "people" still want to hunt them down for a trophy. Why can't they just go on an eco friendly safari instead, where they can take lots of beautiful pictures and hang those on their wall. I will never be able to understand the selfishness of these trophy hunters, it's not because you have the ability to pay for these hunts that you actually have to kill all these animals. Why can't they just donate that money to organizations that are actually making a difference? Organizations that are truly doing everything possible to save these animals from extinction for future generations to come! Everybody around the World has the right to see these animals living wild and free!
9. Within 80% of Americans against trophy hunting, how does the U.S. Dept of the interior justify using our tax money to fund and sponsor the International Wildlife Conservation Council to promote hunting of wild life in foreign countries? I thought the DOI mission was to manage and protect this nations natural resources. What business do you have in establishing foreign entities? This is a violation of your mission.
10. Wild animals have the right to live. It is not a sport to murder an animal for no reason but some man or womans ego. Animals have feelings and families. No trophy hunting. Its wrong. Whether some of the money is used for conservation to protect other animals or not.. Trophy is killing. If you respect wildlife and nature- Trophy hunting is evil. I understand in the past people did it. It was acceptable. It is not anymore
11. Why would you allow so many wild animals to be slaughtered when it's so inhumane but also because those animals would bring more tourists with more money?

12. Why we aren't doing more to end trophy hunting? Why don't we have more anti-poaching dogs and staff? Can we paint the ivory with permanent ink to render it useless? Trophy hunting does not help wildlife or conservation, and the money goes mainly to private companies. Meanwhile, these species are dying out. We need to make it illegal worldwide, and ban the import of body parts through all companies.
13. Why isn't more money being invested in the local villages to teach the locals how to protect their wildlife rather than poaching and exterminating local flora and fauna? Don't they realize that when they have exterminated a species, that it? Nothing will bring it back? Then how will they support their families?
14. Why is the slaughter of animals to the point of extinction still being tolerated in these times? Hunting, especially for trophies is just sick, wasteful and disrespectful to all life, is it not?
15. Why is it that our wildlife is for sale to people that will pay for the privilege of killing for pleasure? What on earth are the benefits of killing? You might refer to the misplaced wildlife management of "culling" which has scientifically been proven over and over again, that only more harm is caused by this outplacred and ill-conceived practice of yesteryear.
16. WHY IS IT SO HARD TO SHOW THE DAMAGE THAT IS BEING DONE BY TROPHY HUNTERS? SOULDN'T WE TRY PROMOTING PHOTO SAFARIS? NO TROPHY IMPORTS AND MORE "REAL" EDUCATION NEEDED!
17. Why haven't all countries banned trophy hunting since it serves no sustainable purpose? Why do we want to hunt to kill? We should be stopping the killing, and helping the Animals to survive!
18. Why do trophy/sport hunters feel a need to kill, when photo trophies require the same tracking skills and other challenges?
19. Why cant we have maximum protection for our endangered species
20. Why are you willing to pay 50K to shoot an endangered species? Are you trying to compensate for something? A small wennie perhaps?? PS: You still have a small wennie, it matches your small brain and lack of compassion!!
21. Why are you not taking every measure possible to preserve the species that illegal hunting are driving to extinction?
22. Why are we not protecting all animal life. Animals are not ours to use at our discretion. We are here as stewards of the earth not destroyers.
23. Why are endangered species being trophy hunted?
24. Whose watching the money and the watchers?
25. Who does trophy hunting benefit?
26. When will hunters realize that a diversity of wildlife is necessary for the continuation of all life, even their own. In short, every time they put a creature in their cross hairs or traps and pull a trigger, killing or maiming, they are taking aim at the lives of their own grandchildren.

27. When all these endangered animals are killed to extinction. . . why would you not want your grandchildren to have the awesome sight of these wonderful creatures living in the wild.
28. What scientific basis is the council using to underscore/support their decisions? Further, how broad is the agreement for this basis that the IWCC would seek to follow it?
29. What plans can be made to give living wage jobs to those who resort to poaching because they can see no other way to live? How can we increase the number of guards and rangers in the wild for more animal protection??
30. What more can be done to stop the trophy hunting? I think it has to do with the feelings of the hunters. It's like they become heroes if they can kill wildlife, which of course is the exact opposite. Should more be taught in schools so that young ones do not go for hunting, and perhaps mental health services for those who act like they are in the 1st and 2nd centuries and need to display their manhood? Thanks for all you do.
31. What moneys are you allocating that will benefit humans and wildlife conservation in africa?
32. What kind of sport is hunting animals? and those in a fenced environment?
33. What is IWCC doing about unscrupulous hunting lodges that are importing wildlife for canned hunting here in the US?
34. What accounting evidence do you have to PROVE your claims that money from trophy hunting actually is spent on conservation or aiding local economies? I would like to see an accounting of the money paid for even ONE trophy hunting permit that shows exactly where each dollar ultimately went.
35. Trophy hunting sends a message that it is ok to kill species threatened with extinction & that it is "manly" to use a high powered gun to hunt these magnificent species in a controlled situation in the hunter's favor. How are you going to counter these dangerous messages?
36. I would like them to specifically list all the ways hunters believe they are helping conservation when they hunt and then the statistics to prove those claims.
37. These hunters are saying that by killing these wildlife they are doing it for conservation, my question is if there was only 100 elephants, tigers, lions, giraffes and rhinos left on this planet and the hunter kills one of them that means there is only 99 left in this world. Also by not killing it helps the country by tourism, people come from all over the world on safari tours to see these majestic animals and that helps the country and the people financially, if these hunters keep on killing these wildlife very soon there wont be any on this planet and what will Africa do then. The reason why tourists go to Africa is to see the wildlife and nothing else, I am an animal advocate and I strongly oppose hunting wildlife.
38. There is something seriously wrong with anyone who supports trophy "hunting" and other blood "sports," so I support a total, worldwide ban on *all* of these. We don't need any economic analyses to know that the mistreatment and killing of *any* animals is morally repugnant unless it's a matter of survival!

39. The council should be comprised of anti trophy hunting folks; as that reflects the people. 95% of Americans DON'T hunt. A smaller percentage trophy hunt. The claim that conservation is helped along with local communities is a false claim. My degree is in psychology and I can confirm that trophy hunting is serial killing; ONLY the species of the victims differ. In this day of a violence problem, we the people DON'T want/need to foster violence and further desensitize folks to the feelings of others. Trophy hunting satisfies sadistic sociopathic Satanic blood lust/violent urges. So why are you considering allowing imports of trophy hunting victims, when the majority of people are opposed to it, as well as scientists who know it will hasten extinction and it's against God's Teachings? Instead of considering allowing imports of trophy hunting victims, why DON'T you do the right thing and BAN all trophy hunting in this country?
40. My family and I would like to know how trophy hunting is allowed to continue when so many of the animals hunted may well be key to the survival of other members of their family group and/or herd?
41. Murder is not Conservation! We shouldn't be "debating" the cold blooded murder of innocent animals by psychopaths. When you allow a "debate" of a social evil, you permit its acceptance as a side that has a right and a voice to do so. We do not debate racism, child molestation, rape or slavery because doing so would allow the perpetrators of these atrocities have a voice and argue the the "right" to do so. It is our duty not to debate evil but to denounce it for what it is.
42. Lions and leopards, along with other big cats, are endangered or threatened, and their populations are dwindling as I write. Ample data shows that trophy hunting neither significantly helps species hunted nor benefits local human populations. What justification does IWCC therefore offer in defense of trophy hunting?
43. Killing is NOT conservation. Usually it is the strongest of a pride that will deliver the highest price. We should be bending over backwards to protect them all but especially the strongest of any species as they are the very ones that will keep their breed from becoming extinct over time. This is short sighted solution to a big picture situation. How can anyone with a heart think that there is anyway to justify killing an animal because you can afford it and need to take a life of another to feel alive. Where do we draw the line? When is enough enough? What happens when all the animals are mounted on walls and no longer a part of an eco system that's been in place for millennia? What do we tell future generations when the only exotic animals left will be dead ones? How do you justify destroying what should be treasured and protected?
44. I've never understood why killing a living being would make you feel like more of a man (or woman). Is one dead elephant worth a few minutes of "Oh boy, look what I did."? Of course, you did it with a powerful weapon against which an animal doesn't have a chance. Think of the good things you could do with the \$50,000 that is spent for you to kill an animal. You could donate it to your favorite charity which would be beneficial instead of trophy hunting which only brings a momentary thrill. Do you ever think of what you leave behind? Orphan elephants or cubs who don't understand why you've killed their mother and will have to grow up without her and her training. So, I'm asking you "Why can't you stop this killing"? Why should people like the Trump "boys" be allowed to cause heartache and pain just because they have the money to pay the killing fee? Why

can't you show some compassion and use your common sense to realize that trophy hunting is decimating (not helping) elephants and other animals. Why can't you use your heads and your hearts?

45. Is it true that bagging a big trophy animal, besides depleting the natural selection gene pool of that animal, enhances the sexual equipment and abilities of the shooter or perhaps is that a delusion? What other possible reason can there be to destroy a beautiful animal? Do you need decorating help?
46. Instead of saving masculine power egos, would it not be more beneficial for the common good to save the beauty, wonder, and power of other animal species?
47. In light of Secretary Zinke's decision to yet again allow trophy imports on a "case by case" basis, how will the IWCC investigate these selective imports? Will the IWCC take action to reinstitute the ban based on proven conservation data that elephants and other endangered wildlife are essential to habitat health and balance?
48. I want to know how many african elephants there were in the wild in 1998 and how many are left now?in the view of the dramatic decline in elephants population in Africa how can you legitimize the practice of trophy hunting? On moral grounds it is unacceptable!On economic grounds we know the local population doesn't profit from it the gun lobby and safari international do in a big way.the number of Trophy hunters represents a very small percentage of the population.why do you cater to a minority?Why do you support something as unsustainable as trophy hunting??I was in southern Rhodesia now Zimbabwe in the early sixties I remember the already rampant corruption then.The awful manipulation of facts goes on and on.How long do you think before the african elephant is completely extinct in the wild?is profit for a few more important to you than the greater good for many??Thank you for responding to my concerns.Francoise May
49. I keep hearing that elephants feed hungry people. What can I say to them when I hear this?
50. How much money do you get from the NRA and from who else do you get your funding?
51. How is trophy hunting not murder? That is, if an indigenous individual/group needs to hunt for meat for survival, that is one thing. Trophy hunting is another thing. How is it *not* 1st degree cold-blooded murder of a thinking, feeling sentient being?
52. How does trophy hunting help our lifestyles today, worldwide? In today's world how does hunting for animals help anyone, anywhere?
53. How does it serve the future of trophy hunting if you are going after the biggest, most beautiful animals? Doesn't their elimination from the gene pool guarantee extinction of your sport???
54. How do you think decreasing the members of an already endangered species help conserve said species, especially when the number of "hunters" (you can't really call it a hunt if you shoot something standing still) keeps increasing?
55. How do you justify the 30-fold differential in the value of a dead or a living elephant?

56. How do you justify killing with all the endangered and soon to be endangered animals in the world?. Your thrill is their last.
57. How do we protect the rangers and police officers who are protecting the elephants from harm?
58. How can you have any meaningful impact on this subject when so much of the hunting fees are going into the pockets of corrupt government officials and not conservation efforts? Should we not offer the corrupt government officials more money to protect the animals and kill the poachers than to let the animals get killed?
59. How can the IWCC justify sport/game trophy hunting when biologists, scientists, and species experts have research that contradicts pro-trophy hunting rhetoric? According to best public policy, scientific research and wildlife biology, hunting is not considered a viable nor effective solution for controlling wildlife or keeping nature in balance. And wildlife biologists affirm that hunting wildlife does far more damage than good. Wildlife biologists and scientific research studies support that hunting throws entire ecosystems completely out of balance for both prey and predator animals. Hunting can cause the destruction and decimation of animal species as well as can cause the overpopulation of species—both leading to ecological disruption, population imbalances, and the destruction of wildlife families. To justify sport hunting, hunters must ignore the numerous constructive solutions advanced by scientists and wildlife biologists reinforcing best and effective conservation and wildlife practices. Professional research-based studies uphold that killing a species either destroys and endangers that particular species; causes a significant rise in another species—throwing one or more species™ balance off causing disorder; can decimate an entire species hurting reproduction rates; and can cause a deep imbalance in whole ecosystems between and including all species that live within it. Not to mention, that hunting causes unnecessary injury, suffering and deep cruelty to all the animals in its cross-hairs.
60. Does the council have a representative from each country that allows trophy hunting that to provide scientific information on an ongoing basis regarding the impact to wildlife and the environment of this activity? Is there a committee that can use this information to make regular recommendations on continuing, reducing or eliminating trophy hunting in a particular country based on these concerns as well as how hunting impacts the tourist industry? If not, why not?
61. Do you want future generations to only see video and pictures of wildlife? Adults will have to explain why we were so shortsighted and arrogant to not protect the amazing species we hunted into extinction, all for a "trophy" to hang on the wall. Trophy hunting doesn't even serve to feed or cloth us. Trophy hunting is sadistic and wrong.
62. Are you concerned about the impact of climate change on wildlife? Have you considered this impact in conjunction with the impact of trophy hunting?
 1. Although pro-trophy hunting groups like Safari Club International have always used claims that trophy hunting strengthens African economies as the main (really, only) moral justification for trophy hunting, in fact, ecotourism generates far more income for African people than trophy hunting. Given that this is the case, why is the IWCC championing trophy hunting rather than ecotourism? 2. Why has the U.S. government

privileged hunting over conservation in its creation of the IWCC? What is the relationship between the IWCC and the NRA, and the IWCC and SCI? 3. Although pro-trophy hunting groups like the SCI claim that trophy hunting "conserves" species, African species such as the lion, leopard, cheetah, rhino, elephant, and giraffe are all threatened, or endangered. How has trophy hunting helped "conserve" them? 4. Given that we know the two biggest dangers facing lions, leopards, cheetahs, rhinos, elephants, and giraffes are (1) poachers and (2) local residents who view them as competitors, why doesn't the U.S. instead spend the funds being spent on this pro-trophy hunting council on supporting African governments' anti-poaching units, and on NGOs that are creating programs to mitigate conflicts between rural African humans and these large animals?

63. When will you be as close as you can get to removing the poachers from the parks and reserves?
64. Those who commit violence against humans often started by committing violent or cruel acts to animals. Given this proven link, and the fact that many mass school shooters have committed acts of violence towards animals, shouldn't we be developing committees that teach children to be kind to animals and respect animals' lives rather than teaching them it is acceptable to violently kill animals and hang their heads on walls?
65. There is no biological or ecological benefit to Trophy Hunting. In fact, the costs are long term and gains, if any, are short term. The act of killing wildlife needed in its habitat ensures negative environmental impacts from its absence we all pay the price for. To feed the ego of one costs many. As far as hunting animals that are bred on private lands for private killing sessions in the name of conservation should be ashamed of themselves. It is clear they are only there to profit at the expense of majestic lives that should be set free to re-populate in the wild. The money raised also will never replace the populations lost and further encourage the behavior threatening big game and wildlife in general. Why do you support this? Their acts of killing for profit, especially anything threatened or endangered, should be reprimanded with consequence to their actions... not permitted and certainly NOT encouraged. We know better, it is time to DO BETTER.
66. There are ZERO benefits to trophy hunting. What made the DOI establish the pro-trophy hunting International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC)?
67. Since trophy hunting does not aid wildlife conservation and it does not contribute significantly to local economies, what was the impetus for the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to establish the pro-trophy hunting International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC)?
68. How will you make trophy hunting today different than the medieval deer park where only the rich benefit and community members are criminalized?.
69. How is killing wildlife saving them? This seems like an oxymoron. By killing, you remove the potential for that individual to reproduce. Killing removes them from the gene pool forever and depletes the number of reproductive members. Elephants, rhinos, lions and cheetahs, for example, are on the verge of extinction. How can killing them help them?
70. How does trophy hunting of endangered species aid in wildlife conservation not extinction?

71. How do you ensure that the money spent for the hunt does not get into the wrong hands (ie: corrupt gov't) . Supposedly for conservation of the species or the tribe/people
72. How can you claim that trophy hunting is good for conservation, when trophy hunters only target the best specimens - thus weakening a species' gene pool???
- 1) How will you clean up lead bullets? "Scientists across North America and Europe have published consensus statements on the risks to wildlife, the environment and human health from the use of lead ammunition, and the need for its replacement by non-toxic alternatives (Health Risks from Lead-Based Ammunition in the Environment – A Consensus Statement of Scientists, 2013; Group of Scientists 2014)." 2) How will you compensate the vast majority of people who are deprived of gun-free areas where wildlife do not fear humans? I'm a wildlife artist and have toured Kenya to get close to animals. 3) What benefit will you offer people who do not accept violent acts against unarmed individuals as civilized? 4) How will you retrain people who have depressed empathy enough to kill an unarmed individual so they do not attack animals and humans outside of your killing fields? 5) How will you replace the wisdom taken from animals when you kill older, more experienced leaders among animals?
73. Will the IWCC oppose the hunting of endangered species?
74. Our question is for the trophy hunters: why does it give you satisfaction and joy in killing a magnificent majestic animal?? Why do you take pleasure in murdering these endangered animals? Why don't you instead, use your money toward species conservation and the keeping of wildlife families intact. Every animal killed breaks up the family herd or pride and is detrimental to that herd or pride.
75. Conserve=protect (something, especially an environmentally or culturally important place or thing) from harm or destruction. My question is, exactly when is the "Conservation Council" going to conserve?
76. As studies show, if wildlife were left alive they would, over their lifetime stimulate the economies significantly more than being killed for sport and trophies. Why is the United States of America so much further behind other countries on this subject? God created our wildlife to be free and they should be protected. All the checks and balances were already in place until we started messing around with them.
77. With the decline in numbers of so many animals and habitat why is trophy hunting allowed anywhere. If a sickness or industrial problem occurs there really isn't enough population to continue. A sustainable number is nothing more then some one opinion and we know no one is right all the time. All this coupled with poaching and illegal trade is catastrophic.
78. Why would we want to allow the slaughter of intelligent creatures who cause us no harm? Is killing elephants necessary to satisfy the human destiny on this planet? Is money-changing the standard for all human behavior?
79. Why can't we move beyond this barbarism and hunt with cameras instead of guns? Why can't photos be considered "trophies?"

80. The vast majority of people would rather see a living majestic creature that can be shared by all rather than have a very few murder these animals for a small fee compared to the animal's worth. Why don't you see the economic and moral gain to be had by stopping trophy hunting??
81. Similar to the above question, but maybe not so diplomatic, I submit this one. If you are so concerned about conservation, why don't you focus your time and money on eco-tourism? I fail to see how killing endangered species will save them. Eco-tourism does not reduce populations, thereby leaving more animals in place for thousands of tourists to "shoot" with cameras over the lifetimes of the animals that would otherwise be hanging on a wall as bragging rights for a few.
82. Richard Leakey once made an analogy that if one's daughter wanted to go to college, but the only way her family could afford to send her was for her enter into prostitution, would the end result justify the means? In the context of trophy hunting as prostitution for wildlife conservation, how can you justify treating these animals like commodities and prioritization of private profit over welfare as promoting long-lasting and effective conservation? If this is how America values endangered wildlife, how can we expect African communities living side by side these animals to interpret an animal's worth in a positive capacity when its greatest value lies in being killed?
83. if you continue to kill african animals, what are the tourists going to see when they go there. oh wait, they won't be going there when the animals are gone. so you get paid to kill an animal there and in return you loose tourists. would you rather please 1 hunter or thousands of tourists??
84. If trophy hunters and poachers keep hunting down endangered animals such as elephants, rhinos and lions at the rapid rate that it continues today, just how long do you think it's going to take until this wildlife will be completely eradicated from the face of the Earth? It seems that this is the ultimate goal for the selfish greedy money hungry killers to "show off" the dead carcasses of these magnificent beasts hanging above their mantle for no other reason but their own personal narcissistic satisfaction. It just doesn't make any sense!
85. how have past sanctions against trophy hunting been minimized and side-stepped so easily over time?
86. How do you justify big game hunting when so many species are endangered?
87. Are the hunters aware that when wild animals vanish from our planet humans will vanish too.?
88. Why are American hunters allowed to take lions and elephants in another sudden reversal by Trump? Both species are threatened and/or endangered, particularly lions. 2. How do we stop the Chinese from taking jaguars illegally, their fangs and claws now being used as trinkets in their country? Thank you.
89. Do any of the members of the IWCC have an affiliation with the NRA? 2. How does the IWCC explain the dramatic loss of species amongst the big 5 if trophy hunting is supposedly good for conservation of species? 3. Does the IWCC acknowledge and will take into consideration the fact that the majority of Americans are fully against trophy hunting?

90. By what logic do you conclude that murdering wildlife is better conservation than eco-tourism?
91. Will the IWCC investigate benefits of participation in eco-friendly tourism in Africa?
92. What are you doing to eradicate poaching?
93. My husband and I visited South Africa seven years ago mainly to view wildlife. The wildlife is under pressure from all factions. Even though we were on a private reserve for six days and went out twice a day, our guide couldn't find a lion and only a few elephants to observe. If trophy hunting is conservation, then why are the animals disappearing so rapidly? . There are far more tourists who enjoy viewing wildlife than killing it. There is far more money to be made from these tourists than from those who want to kill animals. In the end trophy hunting will result in greater loss of revenues than it will ever bring in.
94. Why can't these hunters have a ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION with the animal of their choice the way some SHARK enthusiasts do it? Why not have the so-called hunter sit in a cage and INTERACT (by making direct eye contact, smelling the warm breath, and if possible, try feeling the fur/skin) of that wild animal while safely in a cage? That will bring on a real ADRENALIN RUSH that he/she will remember for a lifetime! Posing for a photo w/ a dead animal doesn't prove anyone to be a good shot because animals are no match to these high-tech and powerful rifles today anyway. But sitting there w/ the lion, elephant, cape buffalo, leopard or rhino will prove just how DARING and BRAVE one can be. The challenge is--can you get that CLOSE and STARE that animal down? How about that?
95. What are your plans & others to save these animals from extinction?
96. Trophy hunting is silly on the part of the hunter - a true hunter would use a bow and arrow in the wild - or instead of hunting find a solution for watering the drought animals in southern Africa. Preserve our wild animals. They are limited in number.
97. Question: Would you murder a human and put their dead head on the wall? Horrible, right? Jail for life! Agree? Well, I think murdering an innocent animal is also horrible and a crime! Horrible, right? Jail for life! Don't you agree? God put animals here for a reason. Their lives count! We're supposed to PROTECT them? DO NO HARM! Question: What are you teaching children with this gruesome act of murdering innocent animals and enjoying their dead heads on your walls? I think it's sick and it should be illegal!!! I think anyone who does this is dangerous! Question: Do you think someone who murders innocent animals and puts their dead heads on the wall is safe? Do you think they are normal or crazy? Question: Do you care about hurting an animals family that's left behind? How would you feel if this happened to you or someone you know? How would you feel if you were this innocent animal trying to run away from a murderer?
98. In what ways does wildlife Trophy hunting renew the wildlife population and its habitat that is destroyed through hunting? and, how precisely are the wildlife trophy hunting fees used?
99. Have you thought about using drones to help fight against poaching?
100. Do you know that when these animals are gone they are gone forever. Why do you want to destroy the wildlife for money? Studies have shown that, while it costs around \$50,000

to hunt one elephant in a trophy hunt, that same elephant, if allowed to live, could generate 30 times that value over its lifetime in eco-friendly tourism. Considering these stats, will the IWCC also focus on investigating the benefits of Americans participating in eco-friendly tourism in Africa? 2) How are you taking care to ensure that sending Americans overseas to hunt is for the best of the nations involved, not just a tourism industry therein? The above question is a perfect example of this. Extensive data DOES NOT support the idea that trophy hunting helps conservation OR the economies of the nations involved.

101. It has been proven over and over in the past, that with any animal species, hunting does not support conservation efforts. My questions are: -How does an organization like IWCC, that is supposed to help wildlife, support killing them? -On what grounds does the IWCC claim that hunting is instrumental in conservation, in light of contradicting experience worldwide?
102. Populations of all large wild mammals are declining, some more quickly than others. Trophy hunting cuts short the reproductive lives of healthy animals. Isn't this a short sighted policy that works against survival of these species?
103. How will you reconcile the extinction of these animals for profit, with your children and grandchildren?
104. How will you explain to the generations ahead why wildlife is targeted for trophy hunting when these animals are in decline now?
105. WHY DO YOU SANCTION THE MURDERING OF ENDANGERED WILDLIFE? WHY DO YOU WANT INHUMANE PEOPLE KILLING FOR SPORT? EVEN IF NOT ENDANGERED, WHY DO YOU SANCTION MURDERING ANIMALS BY PEOPLE YOU LOVE KILLING ANIMALS FOR FUN? DOES THIS NOT SOUND SICK TO YOU? IT SHOULD.
106. How can you justify elephant hunts when the economic benefits are not justified? Also, how can you justify elephant hunts or hunts of other animals when their populations are dwindling at an alarming rate? What is their ethical position on canned hunts?
107. Why should local poachers that harvest great animals for economic need be prevented from taking animals, yet private wealth can buy a license to kill the same animal by some intellectual abandonment of the principles of conservation?
108. Why should animals be hunted simply so someone can mount their head on a wall? The very animals who are promoted as trophy hunting candidates are the ones in serious decline - lions, elephants, for example. Americans should be encouraged to visit Africa not to kill wildlife, but to see these animals in their natural habitat which benefits both the animals and the people who live in these areas through the economic impact of such tourism; thereby assuring these species will survive for future generations.
109. Why do you insist justifying catering to bloodthirsty special interest trophy hunters as conservation? How can you claim that killing an animal will help its conservation? Do you think that there is any confusion that the creation of this council is directly related to the president's son favorite past time of murdering wild animals?
110. When will the International Wildlife Conservation Council make it a priority to value the interests of those who love and want to enjoy live wildlife, true conservation, and promote

ecological balance maintained by natural selection instead of controlled kills and the interest of the select interest groups of hunters and ranchers?

111. If trophy hunting is so beneficial, why does the U.S. Endangered Species Act prohibit "takes," yet the U.S. claims killing endangered species abroad will conserve populations on the verge of extinction? Despite purported financial benefits, haven't hunter-targeted species steadily declined in number--in fact, some, like giraffes, becoming listed as "threatened" by CITES? In countries with rampant governmental corruption, like the former Mugabe regime in Zimbabwe, and where the purported financial benefits never make it to conservation funds, shouldn't trophy hunting be banned? With so many Americans opposed to this anachronistic practice of severing an animal's head and sticking it on a board, how can trophy hunting be justified abroad?
112. I would like to know if there is acknowledgment by the pro trophy hunting people that the 6th Great Mass Extinction of all animals is happening presently and what the ramifications of that fact is to the entire planet? Are they aware that their projections are useless in the face of the unpredictable and unforeseeable environmental events related to the 6th Great Mass Extinction?
113. I would like to ask you to please take into consideration that ECO Friendly tourism will also generate jobs for the local economy as well as improve lives for Animals and Humans.It's time!
114. How can you rationalize catering to the blood lust of a few extremely wealthy individuals instead of allowing the compassion of millions of animal lovers come to the rescue and preservation of endangered species?
115. How can you approve of killing threatened species?
116. As the populations of many animals that trophy hunters prefer continue to decline, and international interest in wildlife conservation and experiencing animals in their natural habitats through tourism continues to increase, does it not make more sense--financially as well as ethically--to keep these animals alive so the world can experience their majesty, rather than seeing their dead carcasses or body parts on display? Should wildlife not be preserved for the many who want to witness them in nature, rather than destroyed for the few who want the egocentric experience of destroying a majestic life?
117. With so few endangered animals left, it is important at this time to allow as many of these animals to live in order to keep some genetic diversity within each group. When the gene pool becomes so small, the few animals left will have a greater propensity to genetic defects and abnormalities. How does trophy hunting protect the gene pool? It's not a natural selection process for hardy individual animals. Trophy hunting is an unnatural selection process that does nothing to increase the hardiness of a species.
118. Which species do you consider plentiful enough to reduce their population in order to fund conservation? If this works why not legalize species now being poached and tax the killing for conservation - what's the difference?
119. Many of the trophies killed are healthy breeding adults. They are also members of endangered species. They are to be protected under the Endangered Species Act, not lured away from physical and legal protections so they are defenseless against the human species using a gun.

120. Has poaching elephants and rhinos subsided in Africa or is it increasing?
121. Isn't using the proceeds from trophy hunting to conserve wildlife the same as using the proceeds from selling black people into slavery to benefit the NAACP? This specious argument needs to be put to rest for good.
122. Why do we have to have any kind of hunting period? Animals are going extinct and they should be left alone to live their lives in peace. As sentient beings, how is it right that certain animals are hunted, but humans, as sentient beings, are not? What will happen to the murdered animal person's babies when their parents are killed? Shoot them too, or lock them up in cruel facilities without the love and support of their parents is a travesty. We have killed way too many other beings on this earth, and it is time to end. Just because humans have the ability to speak a language that other humans recognize, isn't fair play to non-human beings. Would it be okay if these nonhuman beings called the shots and we were the targets? Of course it wouldn't. Therefore, it is not okay for human beings to shoot and murder other sentient beings we share this earth with.
123. Why are you not doing more to protect endangered species?
124. Why are you allowing one wealthy person to destroy wildlife for their "fun" when it affects future generations enjoyment of living animals and your tourism industry?? No one will come see an empty landscape.
125. Why is a hunter's right, to hunt beloved animals for trophies, supersede the majority of world citizens' rights to enjoy seeing wildlife continue to prosper and not face extinction? How can the IWCC justify this?
126. How will you compensate the income loss to tourist safari businesses caused by trophy hunting? After the lion Cecil was legally killed in the Hwange Natl Park in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe by an American dentist from Minnesota, Bryan Orford, a professional wildlife guide who worked in Hwange, calculated that with tourists from a single nearby lodge collectively paying US\$9,800 per day, the revenue generated by having Cecil's photograph taken during five days would have been greater than someone paying a one-off fee of US\$45,000 to hunt and kill the lion, with no hope of future revenue.
127. How are you going to insure that someone doesn't breed animals for trophy hunting
128. Considering that many of these trophy animals are also endangered, and considering that whatever economic benefit a country gets by licensing hunters is outweighed by the economic benefit of keeping the animals alive, the only reason to continue to allow trophy hunting is so someone can have a creative's head on the wall.
129. Can you guarantee rhinos will be safe? Is the IWCC aware that the vast majority of Americans are against trophy hunts? 2. Is the IWCC aware that this is not 'just' a question of species survival, but of individual animal survival. Do they recall that the killing of a lion a couple years ago caused a huge outcry for the death of that one lion? 3. What credentials do they have to make crucial decisions that will impact the life or death of treasured animals?
130. why do those hunters have access to places that they can kill and animal? What gives these people that right to kill? Just to hang a head on the wall? Sad!
131. How much time, effort, and funding is the IWCC prepared to invest to prevent poaching?

132. Why is the canned slaughter of these magnificent creatures allowed by a greedy few?
Why are those of us who are not trophy hunters robbed of the opportunity to enjoy these beautiful animals in their natural environments?
133. How is it logical to use the word "conservation" in the title of your council if you support trophy hunting since trophy hunting does not help to conserve animals--only kills them for no purpose?
134. How does allowing rich Americans to go abroad to kill African wildlife actually "benefit wildlife conservation"? Where is that big money going when a rich American pays to kill an elephant on a trophy hunt? Who benefits from this big money? And last, why doesn't the IWCC discuss the benefits to wildlife conservation by stopping the practice of trophy hunting completely?
135. Do you think about what killing these animals is doing to THEIR families? Do you think about the fact that all this killing is depleting our wildlife and that one day there will not be any more wildlife which serve a purpose on this earth??
136. Why do governments from African countries allow trophy hunting? They collect a big fat fee from the foreign hunter which goes into their coffers. Explain how this helps wildlife conservation especially for those species such as elephants and tigers whose numbers are rapidly declining.
137. Why is it that you have to slaughter one animal that could do damage to herds, packs, and prides. Do you know that your hunting activities are doing more harm than good for species that are already struggling to survive in our world? Trophy hunting has nothing to do with conservation and does not help wild populations, it only decimated them in tremendous ways and I won't tolerate it whatsoever.
138. Why do you think killing endangered species for monetary gain outweighs supporting them which could generate more revenue through tourism?
139. What percentage of the American public actually trophy hunt, and what is their average income? Without knowing this information it is impossible to say who this benefits other than the companies that run these "events".
140. What kind of scientific validation can you possibly have that can justify trophy hunting of wildlife whose magnificent presence and existence justifies their right to live and be respected? Allowing them to be slaughtered unmercifully for greed is not conservation or stewardship! It is deplorable and cannot be justified!
141. What is the justification for allowing anyone to kill an endangered animal? It seems that a live animal will bring in much more money over a much longer period of time than if it's dead. After all, you can't kill an animal more than once.
142. If conservation is a means to preserve a species, then why are more species becoming extinct and endangered?
143. How can this council be justified given that essential programs such as Meals on Wheels and the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program are being drastically underfunded or cut?
144. Why are Safari Club International and the National Rifle Association determining federal wildlife policy?

145. What is the ACTUAL proof that trophy hunting benefits ANYONE except the companies that profit from it? And "benefits" as described by whom? These animals are not benefiting from being murdered for money, nor am I or anyone I know benefiting from a few wealthy, egotistical, murderous people wanting to inflict painful and useless harm on another being because they are not allowed to kill humans. There can, therefore, BE no proof that trophy hunting is beneficial--because it just ISN'T!
146. Studies on the legal killing of wolves in North America have shown that legal killings have the effect of increasing illegal killings. Official acts of wildlife destruction have the effect of decreasing the perceived value of wildlife. Extrapolating this to African wildlife means that trophy hunting will increase poaching, which is already pushing several species to extinction. Trophy hunting + poaching is not conserving wildlife in any meaningful sense, it is destroying it. How can trophy hunters demonstrate that wild populations benefit from trophy hunting?
147. Most Americans oppose big game hunting. The pitch that it funds conservation alludes to this practice as motivated by big money, and nothing else. Why can't the International Wildlife Conservation Council promote conservation without bloodshed and slaughter?
148. In what possible way does trophy hunting have significant conservation and economic benefits?
149. If high-priced trophy hunting is so desirable as a recreational pursuit, with ancillary benefits for wildlife conservation, should it not be available to the wider hunting public, and thereby both promoted and democratized? Assuming establishment of these facts, of course. should not this activity be made available to all American by instituting a lottery for these admittedly rare opportunities? Why should such opportunities for pleasure and service be reserved to those who can afford them out of their own deep pockets? In short, why should cost be a barrier to participation, unless this is simply another exclusive pursuit for the one percent of the one percent, like Donald Trump Jr. and his mentally-challenged brother? Otherwise, it might appear that the government's endorsement of this activity may be related to the largesse of these deep-pocketed "activists," and surely that's not possible.
150. First, I would like to point out that trophy hunting should not have place in 21st century, its a 'sport' for the privileged and does not benefit communities or support conservation. Secondly, where do the money go? Poaching in Africa is the result of poverty, trophy hunting money only support small number of companies in hands of again the privileged and privately owned companies. The money is used for breeding more 'victims', so please justify! From non-economical point of view, you're often killing mothers causing children to die, thorn families apart all in the name of conservation, shame. Why not donate towards conservation without killing? We know enough about animals' intelligence and killing is not the answer! Trophy hunting is a 'legalized poaching' and as such should be treated as crime. The sad but proven fact is that the money prevail over justice. So, please answer to my concerns. Regards
151. Hunters do not seek to kill the weakest of a wildlife species for trophies; they want the strongest. How is the permanent death of the strongest members of a wildlife species conserving something, when conserve means to protect and perpetuate? How does severing a natural resource from the land, a resource that is to be held in public trust for all the

public, not just the hunters, not trigger a severance fee, just as if minerals were permanently severed from the land, to be paid by those who do the severing?

152. With these endangered wild animals left in the wild, such as the lion with only 30,000 left in the wild and with 3,000 being trophy hunted/per year are they not aware that they predate themselves. The elephant with only 250,000 left in the wild, and 30,000 being trophy hunted/ per year they also predate themselves. Would it not be better to help them live and be an ambassador for the plight of the species, during different seasonal times? Murdering them is NOT conservation, conservation is helping them live and doing something to make it better for them, not murdering them. Extinct is forever, when they are gone, they are gone, Conserve these magnificent animals and help people learn how to help not murder. They don't belong on someone's wall or the tusks made into trinkets. It's not like they don't have souls.
153. Why must your business model include killing, why is an animal's death so necessary for you to generate revenue? There are only 450,000 elephants left, they calf only once every 2 years; every elephant death reduces the gene pool, reduces the number of future births, and increases their chance of going extinct. Killing elephants when their population is declining and habitat is being destroyed is a wasting asset, similar to mining and oil and gas drilling. Why not instead spend this time, energy, and money to create a Conservation Council based on eco-tourism and siting and photographing wildlife, which over the life of the animal generates much more revenue and supports population growth?
154. Why does council membership not include conservation organizations opposed to trophy hunting such as Born Free, the African Wildlife Foundation, etc? Why is the council one-sided and biased in favor of slaughtering wildlife?
155. why are rich hunters allowed to circumnavigate environmental safeguards on conservation just to satisfy their need for a trophy
156. who determines the members of this council? there should be NO hunters/ranchers nra member on it Council should be made up of scientists with factual information How much say do the American people have? Will this council be bribed by lobbyists as other hunting and wildlife killing agencies are? ie blm,fws
157. When hunters say that their fees help conversation - why don't they just just provide money, without killing? It's very difficult, near impossible, to call this anything but killing for fun and that's barbaric and needs to end.
158. what will be done internationally to take down the poaching networks that are quickly decimating many animal species?
159. Trophy hunters target endangered species like elephants, lions and rhinos. When wildlife numbers simply aren't sufficient to permit the additional pressure of trophy hunting, why should trophy hunting be allowed?
160. Trophy hunters claim that their hunting fees goes to protecting endangered animals. My question is this: Why not just make a donation of the money to protect the animals and, instead of killing them, why not just take photos so that others can enjoy the beauty and majesty of these living animals too? Why be selfish and kill them so that no one else will ever enjoy seeing that animal again?

161. the last thing the usa needs is another overseas blackeye, in this case trophy hunting. while very few americans participate in this, we all reap the benefits of the ugly american again, also the always available query to us, would you let us come to the usa with gobs of cash to kill your wildlife?
162. What will the IWCC do to ensure that no US government employees and their business connections, acquaintances, friends, family members, and friends of family members will not be allowed to hunt?
163. It is bad sport to kill an animal just for a trophy. How will you ensure these animals are not taken especially if they are endangered or protected ?. Just a few years ago a famous Lion with a black mane was killed because it wandered outside of its protected space. Some say it was baited.
164. How would you answer to the statistics that disprove that any amount of trophy hunting is effective in conservation efforts?
165. How will the IWCC educate itself on the consequences of herd thinning and the overall impact to the planetary eco-system, in order to better advise trophy hunters?
166. How is trophy hunting helping increase wild animal populations?
167. How are you going to ensure that countries protected Endangered Animals, and NOT to take animals off the list until their populations are stable?
168. Dear Sirs: With worldwide poaching & trafficking in animal parts so rampant & out of control; how can trophy hunting for many of these same species even be considered? An outright ban should be in place until critical endangered populations can recover. And even then, hunting only for the sake of the human greed of a trophy should be forever forbidden 1. Why does the DOI think that killing endangered African animals for trophies is a good thing? 2. What is your supporting evidence? 3. Who supports/funds this information? 4. Which scientists are involved in this fact finding endeavor.
169. How will the IWCC ensure that the views of those with information and/or statistics that show that trophy hunting does not aid wildlife conservation be taken into account? 2. Studies have shown that, while it costs around \$50,000 to hunt one elephant in a trophy hunt, that same elephant, if allowed to live, could generate 30 times that value over its lifetime in eco-friendly tourism. Considering these stats, will the IWCC also focus on investigating the benefits of Americans participating in eco-friendly tourism in Africa? 3. why kill unnecessarily?
170. How is the IWCC going to address corruption and the role it plays in granting trophy hunting permits? 2. Will the IWCC stand with Africans and encourage more eco- friendly tourism and discourage trophy hunting?
171. . Studies have shown that, while it costs around \$50,000 to hunt one elephant in a trophy hunt, that same elephant, if allowed to live, could generate 30 times that value over its lifetime in eco-friendly tourism. Considering these stats, will the IWCC also focus on investigating the benefits of Americans participating in eco-friendly tourism in Africa?
172. With the international rhino population driven nearly to extinction, why would hunting them be a "good" idea?

173. With the elephant population and all wildlife populations in serious decline, why would the IWCC even consider trophy hunting?
174. Real ECO-TOURISM BENEFITS animals and communities by keeping ALL animals ALIVE and the tourism dollars are HUMANE, so why isn't ECO-TOURISM that is HUMANE being considered?
175. How are members of the IWCC committee vetted? Did they all engage in conservation training that includes the scientifically established psychology of a trophy hunter and documentaries such as Trophy?
176. Healthy stable populations rely on genetic diversity to remain healthy - so how does removing animals, thereby reducing genetic diversity help conservation efforts? Common sense says it can't.
177. Given that most of the species trophy hunters take are endangered largely due to overzealous trophy hunting, how can you claim that hunting these animals to extinction can actually contribute to conservation?
178. Do you understand that animals in the wild are on the brink of extinction? Why would any decent loving human being want to kill any animal to hang their head on a wall or skin on the floor to collect dust and brag about the experience of killing? How can you Save and Protect Wildlife from evil trophy hunters? Why don't you teach respect for Wildlife in elementary schools to prevent children from growing up wanting to be trophy hunters?
179. Aside from the ethical question of killing as a sport, Are you taking into consideration the value of an elephant on ecotourism during its extended lifetime
180. Specifically, what measures does IWCC undertake to avert fueling extinction rates?
181. If unbiased reviews of claims that trophy hunters make show that trophy hunting really only brings in a 3% return back to the local economy, then why is IWCC still supporting this killing sport?
182. How do you regulate hunting and not eliminate entire species?
183. How do you correlate killing of species to conservation - what exactly is being "conserved" in the killing of species? Wouldn't it make more sense to preserve land, set land aside for other species to thrive rather than killing them to make room for human development? Also, wouldn't teaching human contraceptive and population control be more humane and true to "conservation" of other species than killing them? Consider this definition: Conserve: "protect (something, especially an environmentally or culturally important place or thing) from harm or destruction."
184. How can you assure that the hunters do not take protected species, do not lure animals off protected range, indigenous people are treated fairly, the prey has as good a chance of escaping as being shot, the trade of animal parts is corruption free, the animals taken are not raising young, the hunters use ethical methods devoid of high powered rifles, helicopter or plan drives, baiting etc?
185. Will the IWCC assure that all funds collected for trophy hunting will be applied towards conservation? Will trophy hunts be ended for endangered species?

186. Why is a US governmental agency creating a pro-trophy-hunting council with a clear bias towards supporting trophy hunting? Why isn't the DOI remaining impartial? What is the real agenda here, and who is behind the creation of the IWCC?
187. Studies show that elephants live in herds of families, friends and feel the same pain, grief of loss that we do. Observations also show that female matriarch elephants not only lead the herds to food and water but also teach the little ones within the herd, in addition to having little ones themselves. When killed, this can cause such disarray in the group that it puts the herd in jeopardy of its future. Is this being taken into consideration for the future of the elephant and are trophy hunts "limited to only certain elephants within a herd.
188. Isn't it a much larger positive economic impact on the host Countries to encourage Eco-Tourism, that to allow a single individual to destroy an Animal family for the sole purpose of feeding his ego by putting the animal's head on a wall?
189. If, as claimed by some, "hunting proceeds go to programs that protect the Species and the Environment", why are the numbers of the hunted Species dropping so drastically? We have, in about 45 years, gone from about 400,000 Lions to 20,000 -clearly hunting is making the problem much worse and should not be allowed.---GST.
190. How much of that \$50,000 mentioned to hunt an elephant actually helps the people in the community? I have read reports from CNN and National Geographic that a study showed less then \$75 per every 5 people in a specific community benefited from that animal being kicked so some rich guy could take a picture and a piece of the animal to hang on a wall. Why don't we encourage people with money to adopt one of these animals and get there picture taken with a live animal and even call him an ambassador? It just seems like the villages and their resources are exploited to temporarily soothe some guts ego.
191. Doesn't killing Elephants destroy their family hierarchy, and where is the "sport" in walking up to a few yards away from an Elephant and shooting an Animal with such a strong family structure and with such higher intelligence?
192. Doesn't "hunting" serve to set Evolution in reverse by taking the best and biggest of a Species - instead of like Nature operates by eliminating the weakest and less able to survive?
193. Doesn't "hunting" destroy entire Animal families, like when the head of a pride of Lions is killed and the next male in that position kills the cubs, so that the damage of hunting affects several generations who may never recover their prior numbers or position?
194. Are you receiving money from the NRA?
195. How do you justify the destruction of wildlife as a priority of the Department of the Interior? If the trophy-hunting game is so lucrative, why do you need to lobby for it?
196. Is trophy hunting an equal opportunity sport, available to rich and poor alike?
197. Why would the counsel support trophy hunting in the first place, when the practice goes against actual conservation as we know it, especially many of the targeted animals are considered threatened, if not endangered?
198. Why is trophy hunting so important? Why cause harm to an animal when it isn't causing harm? Why contribute to the destruction of creatures that were not created by man?

199. What is being provided to the local people to prevent them from poaching in order to provide for their families?
200. What will the IWCC do to promote eco-tourism and animal-friendly safari trips that can SAVE lives, not take them?
201. Why would the DOI get involved in this issue? We have our own problems with hunters & poachers in the USA. Is this a good use of tax payers money?
202. The only two things that constitute true conservation efforts are: 1) habitat protection 2) anti-poaching efforts How will the IWCC generate statistics on these two conservation efforts and how will they determine their validity while at the same time allowing trophy-hunting?
203. How is hunting animals on the endangered species list part of conservation?
204. How does killing any animal aid conservation? If this were true and applied to mankind people would rightly object to it! Sure photographic shooting is far more lucrative, sustainable and ethical!
205. Given that there is no substantiated evidence that trophy hunting has any conservation benefits, when is the U.S. Dept. of Interior going to stop this charade and either disband this council or fill it with real conservationists?
206. Firstly, as a taxpayer I am opposed to any government agency advocating for or supporting trophy hunting anywhere but especially overseas. Secondly, private trophy hunting groups have pushed for this "council" to promote their own trophy hunting agenda.
 1. What justification does the federal government have in being the voice of and promoting the interests of the very few wealthy individuals that engage in this activity.?
 2. Why is the federal government not promoting activities like eco tourism that generate substantially more economic value for local communities vs pandering to a wealthy minority.
207. Did you know Hunting,poaching,illegal wild life-trafficking are driving endangered wild animals to extinction?Did you know Hunting is not a sport,is a crime against wild animals? did you know how important wild animals are for ecosystems? Did you know wild animals do not contribute to global warming,pollution,etc?
208. How will the IWCC ensure that the views of those with information and/or statistics that show that trophy hunting does not aid wildlife conservation be taken into account?
 1. Studies have shown that, while it costs around \$50,000 to hunt one elephant in a trophy hunt, that same elephant, if allowed to live, could generate 30 times that value over its lifetime in eco-friendly tourism. Considering these stats, will the IWCC also focus on investigating the benefits of Americans participating in eco-friendly tourism in Africa?
209. If elephants are going extinct, how can you treat them as a disposable resource?
210. How does the Council plan on helping promote saving species around the world?
211. As more and more large (and small) animals go extinct due to human actions, if people from the future were here today and demand to know why we allowed it to happen, what would be your rationale?
212. What can be done to lower the value of ivory?

213. Will this IWC council rely on objective data and proven scientific information concerning endangered species act? Will members from wild life specialists from impacted countries be represented?
214. Why not take more precautions to save and preserve these animals?
215. Why aren't you pushing eco-tourism instead of killing endangered animals?
216. Can you establish the international conservation fund to help endangered species without killing them?
217. If eco-tourism generates 30 times the value of trophy hunting in economic benefits, will the IWCC also investigate the benefits of Americans engaging in eco-tourism in Africa?
218. How can you call killing conservation; when we have so many species teetering on the edge of extinction? Killing does not save lives; Saving Lives saves lives.
219. How can proponents of trophy hunting claim that trophy hunting significantly benefits wildlife conservation when trophy hunters typically target many species that are already imperiled, such as lions, elephants, and rhinos?
220. What steps are actually being considered for trophy hunting to come to an end? Rather, how close to extinction does a species have to come before this grotesque "recreation" finally stops?
221. With elephant populations severely declining and knowing that eco-tourism continues to grow, what will you do to ensure that killing even one elephant, will not disrupt the booming tourist industry Africa is experiencing? Please note: As an elephant lover, I plan to visit Africa this year, specifically to see elephants thriving in their natural habitats.
222. wildlife across the earth is vanishing so fast your help is not needed
223. Why would anyone want to have the head or skin of a Lion or bones of leopards or tusk of an elephant on his or her house or offices or desk for example? Why are they coming to Africa to kill off Africa's heritage? If truly they support conservation, why are they not using that same money they claim will be used by the community to fund education in Africa that will help Africa out of poverty? Americans cherish their dogs and cats. Imagine we Africans coming to hunt them for trophy? We love our heritage. We love our Elephants and Lions and Leopards, please stop hunting them. If you must shoot something, shoot with your cameras or shoot at poverty in Africa by helping out in vulnerable communities through indigenous NGOs. One more question. When they finish hunting Africa's big games, what more will they come to hunt? We Africans all over again like you did during the slave trade era? Trophy hunting must end. It is as bad as slavery and colonialism fuelled and supported by corrupt people in government and highly placed personalities.
224. Why is trophy hunting even on the agenda when most of the animals in question are on the endangered species list? Isn't it time that the IWCC stopped burying their heads in the sand and admitted that they are pandering to the blood lust of people with psychopathic tendencies who get their kicks from killing defenseless creatures in cold blood?
225. What is the basis for deciding that animals are "trophies"? Why aren't the other animals valued intrinsically, as being sentient, intelligent beings with a right to live fulfilling lives, the way we like to value ourselves? Isn't that simply an excuse for those who want to kill

them? We have already destroyed two thirds of all wild life in the last 50 years; shouldn't we be protecting all of them who have survived our depredations?

226. Scientific research has been carried out on the big cats, lion and leopard, in the area we live in. It has shown that there were hardly any male lions left over about 5 years of age. Therefore mainly a young population of lion exists here, and leopards are on the decline. Most of the properties around us are sport hunted. The hunters claim there are too many lions, too many leopard and then they ask the authorities for permission to shoot females of those species claiming over-population. Yet they have shot out the older animals, which are the ones that control the young lion and young leopard by keeping them out of the breeding equation. So my question is: surely if they had not shot out over the years all the experienced, older cats, the numbers of lion and leopard may have increased but much more slowly. Don't you think then, that there would be no need to control them by shooting females?
227. Please produce solid and independent studies that give evidence that trophy hunting contributes to wildlife conservation or to local economies. I have never found any sound evidence to that effect.
228. How will the IWCC stand firm against those individuals or organizations that will try to bribe the IWCC staff to take monies/bribes to get them to "turn their head" from trophy hunting?
229. How will the council ensure that no studies funded by biased pro-hunting groups are treated as normative claims (empirical and objective fact)? How will the council ensure that the entire claim of the pro-hunting argument is supported by clear and observable facts. For example, one argument is that the money from trophy hunting is used for conservation- however, evidence shows that even in situations where this is intended, the funds do not in reality go toward this purpose. How will the council ensure that pro-hunting groups provide objective, empirical evidence, as well as exact numbers and statistics of every detail of their claim, from start to finish, enforcement included?
230. How can a more effective control of local corruption within African countries be put in place so that trophy hunting will not be a lucrative business any longer?
231. Considering these benefits of eco-tourism and the destruction and cruelty of trophy hunting, will the IWCC also focus on investigating the benefits of Americans participating in eco-friendly tourism in Africa? Why support such blatant cruelty in third world countries when there is a more humane and eco-friendly option? In the 21st Century, we need to move away from barbaric practices of the past.
232. Animals killed during this type of hunt leave behind their offspring without any protection. Why would you want to cause this?
233. Hunters have called this a "sport" How do we draw the line on hunting wild animals and humans? It has been well documented that hunting animals well upgrade to hunting humans it already has in a way. Killing a species no matter if it's a wild animal or a human it's still morally wrong. 2. Hunting animals will bring those species to the brink of extinction. So how do we limit it when hunters love the "sport?" There might be laws in place where the hunter can hunt a certain amount of wild life but if you love the "sport" then how and when will that hunter draw the line if he gets carried away with it? 3.

Hunting a mother who has cubs is cruel and morally wrong, who is going to teach those cubs how to survive and learn what the mother would have taught them? Most often those cubs either die a slow painful death or get hunted by other wild life. Hunting anything is morally wrong and it teaches us nothing except violence and it needs to be banned completely.

234. How would donated money or other generated funds for pro-life or endangered species, be SAFEGUARDED from misappropriation in affected areas?
235. We live in Africa in an area which is 3/4 sport hunting 1/4 resettled land. Hunters claim that their presence on land & sport hunting conserves and protects wildlife. We live here and beg to differ. On the lands occupied by people and us we have game scouts and there are more wild animals as in buffalo, elephant, lion etc than on the sport hunted individual properties. The sport hunters professionals have hunted out all large trophy's of lion, leopard, big tuskers so that they have to buy concessions in communal lands to find trophy sized wildlife. They even now ask permission to shoot female lion and leopard. As most older cats are gone on their lands. So my question is how can they say they are the protectors of wild animals and say that their activity on the land preserves the wildlife when in our area just with game scouts and ourselves there are more of the larger mammals. So even with poaching on a daily basis we have seen an increase in wildlife in our area than in the hunting lands. Making their argument obsolete.
236. We are constantly hearing arguments about whether trophy hunting has significant conservation and economic benefits for local communities and are told that the money goes back into local communities and conservation projects. Can you provide hard evidence of this?
237. As studies show trophy hunting does not aid wildlife conservation, I would like to know what hunters are going to do if these animals become extinct and how they are going to explain to future generations that they participated in the extermination of various species?
238. I am asking that animal welfare groups and particularly those opposed to trophy hunting be allowed to be at the table for balanced information and perspectives to be addressed
239. How are these fees used? Are they useful to prevent poaching?
240. What measures do you have in place to insure that conservation measures are in keeping with current statistics and not lagging behind? How can a conservation council be the 'ruling party' deciding how many animals can be killed - is the 'conservation' to preserve private profit or to preserve species?
241. Given that for many wildlife species trophy hunters select the largest specimens or those with the largest appendages such as horns and antlers, does DOI have any concerns that the natural trajectory of evolution is thereby compromised with no knowledge of the effect on species survival?
242. Why we don't wake up and support African countries with real sustainable projects and eco-friendly tourism for future generations?