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A seal hunter takes aim at a swimming seal in the waters of the 'Front', northeast of Newfoundland, Canada. The commercial seal hunt has been subject to harsh criticism during the last 50 years due to animal welfare shortcomings. In 2009 the European Union enacted a ban on trade in seal products in order to remove products stemming from alleged cruel commercial hunts from the European market and improve animal welfare in the seal hunts. The article by Nikolas Sellheim in this issue analyses the EU ban with regard to goal attainment and effectiveness. Photo by himself, April 2013.

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