May 30, 2017

David Morehouse  
President and CEO  
Pittsburgh Penguins

Dear Mr. Morehouse,

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide, including thousands across Pennsylvania—many sports fans among them—in response to reports that a catfish was thrown onto the ice during Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Finals and that the person responsible was immediately ejected and later charged. Thank you for taking swift action that will remind all sports fans that this offensive behavior won't be tolerated.

Fish are sentient beings, capable of feeling fear, pain, and stress. They are also highly social, forming bonds and grieving when community members are lost. No being—regardless of species or circumstance—should be forced to endure a cruel death or have their body desecrated in such a way.

Thank you for acting in the animals’ best interests.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Reiman  
Executive Vice President