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Hi,
I am a Washington State resident and firmly opposed to the lift of the moratorium on whale-hunting for the Makah Tribe. To allow even limited hunting of a species that is already at risk due to current and impending climate changes, which affect sea life more than any other ecosystems, would be shortsighted. At a time like this we cannot afford to loosen the restrictions that protect any wild animal's survival, least of all sea mammals made vulnerable by their positions at the top of the food chain and by the effects of global warming.
We are living in a world that is strained by every additional "harvest" of the seas and our planet. The "right" to exploit the seas and our planet cannot be interpreted as liberally these days as it has been historically. In the context of our changing environment and increasing scarcity of resources all over the globe, to open doors to hunting a previously protected whale species is a retrogressive action. We should be focusing on increasing protection of marine life.
Thank you for taking the present-day situation of the marine environment into account and for listening to the voices of your constituents.
-Sasha Vulovic