From: judy doerksen
To: MakahDEIS.nwr@noaa.gov;
Subject: 2008 Makah DEIS
Date: Saturday, June 21, 2008 7:56:10 PM

I oppose the Makah hunting whales, in this day and age there is no need for it for food. To continue this to uphold tradition is unacceptable. The whale population has just re bounded and we do not know any long term result from this.

To continue to hunt whales un necessarily is barbaric. Furthermore the Makah have shown little regard for the law. Their attempt at hunting a whale - unauthorized - shows that they have little consideration for the whale to be killed painlessly and quickly.

In the past hunting whales was part of their way of life, granted- but part of that life was also living in tents instead of houses, not having an education instead of a university degree, and numerous other differences. If tradition is that important to them , they should also give up the modern daily life as it is not in keeping with tradition.

If hunting the whales was proved to be necessary for their livelihood and day to day nourishment,then I would not object but they want to hunt for tradition only.

Therefore I am opposed to the Makah tribe being given permission to hunt whales. And should they take it upon themselves to "again" oppose the law and hunt unauthorized, then they should be punished to the fullest extent the law allows and the tribe should lose all and any rights or opportunities to hunt whales.

J. Doerksen