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I understand that public opinion is now being taken into consideration with regard to the decision to allow the Makah to resume the whale hunt. I understand the Makah are trying to regain some of the old ways, but the old days are gone and maybe it's time for spiritualness without the suffering and killing of such an important member of our planet that was pushed to the brink of extinction not long ago. In my opinion, the fact that the last hunt was done illegally and in such a flagrantly inhumane manner should also factor in on this important decision. Why would permission for something this unnecessary now be granted when rules and guidelines were so boldly disrespected before? Please give very serious consideration to the opinion and request from those of us who GREATLY oppose giving permission for this archaic practice!

In addition to the importance of this decision to our local area, we have a tremendous responsibility to the rest of the world in setting such a precidence that will have far reaching effects, surely resulting in negative impact to the newly recovering whale population. Consideration of this fact should not be overlooked.

Sincerely,
Nicole Wright

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