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We are long time residents of Clallam County living at Freshwater Bay about 55 miles E. of Neah Bay.

We have become acquainted with the Makah Nation and are deeply moved by their culture, traditions and strong character. We have studied the meaning of whaling to the Makah and it is a very sacred tradition which is part of the spiritual history of the tribe. One has but to marvel at the artifacts uncovered at Ozette to appreciate the richness of the whaling tradition.

The Makah have petitioned for recognition of their treaty rights; NOT to engage in commercial exploitation of these great mammals. This petition should be granted; the 9th circuit court is wrong in this instance.

We urge you to support the Makah.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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