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No one could doubt indigenous americans have the right to interact with remaining indigenous plants and creatures without interference from other races/cultures...What is to be hoped for is a transformation in the way all humans interact with cetaceans...Hopeful is the fact that a 'calling in of the whales' by tribal elders earlier this year saw, "Moms and babies in the surf, spy hopping and playing in the waves off LaPush.." The Penninsula Dailey News ran an article, "Gray Whale Malnutrition Linked To Ocean Warming.." on it's front page over a year ago.. Newstrack_Science reported: 'Skinny Gray Whales Swim Pacific Coast' citing altered food supplies.. An anecdotal story in the San Francisco Chronicle described the actions of a humpback whale arduously rescued from a tangle of crab traps..."When she was free, ... she swam in what seemed like joyous circles.. she then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them....some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives.".....While eating whale meat/blubber was essential in the time of native forefathers, it is no longer likely safe to eat..(See articles on 'stinky whales', PCB's, and toxin levels in maring mammel tissue..) Perhaps the Tribal Council could ask their ancestors whether it is time to reconnect with their ocean brothers in a new and sacred manner ..... it would seem they could use our help and understanding. Deepest Respect To All Concerned, carolyn kinch

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