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The overriding issue is sovereignty & that the Makah Treaty rights supersede the Olympic Marine Sanctuary & Marine Mammal Protection Act. Having said that, the Treaties need to be renegotiated. Please do not allow hunting of females with calves or juvenile gray whales, as recent science is showing a decline in overall population, as well as estimated pre whaling population totals, that the previous threatened status was based on. Please identify "resident" gray whales, and also do not allow hunting of those individuals, as there are known "friendlies" that innocently approach humans.

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