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To Whom It May Concern:

Thanks to you for extending the deadline to comment on the request of the Makah tribe to add to their collection of whale bones at the Museum in Neah Bay. Sorry, but in a world that is over-populated with many people wanting to take away from that which enriches us all, I have to express my strong opposition to allowing this "tradition" to continue.

If allowed, this hunt sets a dangerous precedent to re-define the meaning of "subsistence" hunting. It weakens our protests against the Japanese hunts for "scientific" purposes. It accelerates the loss of a treasure that cannot be replaced. We are running out of time to stand up for those creatures that cannot speak for themselves. (Although in the case of the whales, they speak, we simply do no yet have the knowledge to understand.)

Please put my voice in amongst those who find this hunt unnecessary and cruel. The children in school in Port Townsend near me were brought whale meat to sample from that last hunt. Many of their parents found that objectionable and I agree with them. That animal should still be swimming free with the rest of his kin. They are whales, not cows!

Thanks,
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