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Whale hunting may be the Makah's cultural tradition but if they respected their ancestors they would realize that they only hunted for what they needed to survive. To kill whales for the sport of it or to sell to Japan is a discrace to their ancestors and their tribal heritage. What happened to the last whale they slaughtered? I heard that very few tribal members could or would eat it and that much of it rotted. This may or may not be true. So what is the real reason for killing them? Who is going to eat whale if you can go to McDonald's? If they really want to keep their cultural tradition They won't kill what they do not need to survive.

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