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Please do not allow the Makah or any other tribe or group to kill whales. Some traditions are to be respected (and some are not) and while this may have been a respected way to support a tribe in the past and to celebrate rituals, all societies must grow and change with the movement of time. The whales belong to all of us, and survive in familial groups. Even taking just a few individuals affects genetic diversity and the continuity of survival knowledge (yes, this is passed on from generation to generation in whales, bears, and other higher mammals). My first degree was in resource management and studies in ecology, zoology, and biology and my appeal is based on science as well as a collective sense of loss when these animals are taken. We all must make sacrifices today to retain a healthy world to live in....and some things that are incalculable today may be essential tomorrow.

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