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I have read the DEIS and my conclusion has come about because of these problems:

A recent "hunting bungle" occurred when a group decided to kill a whale without permission. The whale, wounded, was left to die a miserable death.

What assurances are in place to make certain that the whales killed are not either pregnant or nursing?

If the tribe itself is not going to oversee or share in the cost of a whale kill, then the danger to allow families to kill will likely result in more bungles. "Warriors" heading out to kill have limited skills for harpooning and would wind up with motor boats and modern methods of eliminating whales, all disruptive and cruel.

Would open up whaling to other indigenous groups and countries anxious to harvest whales for commercial purposes.

Most of the $140 million tourist dollars come from festivals in Port Angeles and Sequim. Nobody tours in Neah Bay except to visit the local museum. There's not much to see there.

Whale watching events should be totally banned anywhere. Such events are strictly for the dollar and are

not at all concerned with the disruption they cause to marine wildlife.

No clear cut economic benefit to tribe.

As with other indigenous peoples, rituals can be carried out in "mock" events on the reservation.

The only people interested in watching whales being slaughtered would be those bearing witness to a wanton, cruel act. The average tourist wouldn't get near such an event.

$2.1 million dollars to secure the area by US Coast Guard and other law enforcements agencies is way too much money to spend with taxpayer money. There are many more pressing uses for those dollars than killing whales.

The Makahs have to find another way to subsist other than whale kills. If whale hunts are allowed, nothing but bad can come of it!

I VOTE ABSOLUTELY NO WHALE HUNTING!

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