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Hello Mr Stone,

While I do not have the time or inclination to read the entire DEIS, I am aware of the issues surrounding Makah whaling and treaty rights. I was on the Makah reservation the day after the whale was "illegally" taken in September 07. I have seen their land and their waters, their people and their community. I fully support any plan that allows the Makah to undertake whaling insofar as it helps to strengthen and preserve their way of life. I could go on and on about why I feel this way, but you will likely get a lot of feedback so I'll keep it short. Animals and living things have rights, yes, but cultures also have rights, and one of those rights should be not to be judged by an external culture, especially one so destructive as the larger North American industrial consumer culture.

Thank you,
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"those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."
-Ben Franklin