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I am writing in opposition to the Makah whaling proposal.

If the Makah people were to use the whale products in their culture, eat the flesh and use hunting modes available when the treaty was written, I would be more inclined to agree with 1 whale per year. I do not believe that the people at the time of the treaty used high-powered speedboats with high-powered harpoons to chase down the whales as do the modern Makah. In a time of ecological trauma to our earth, we should celebrate the resurgence of any whales and not use that resurgence in population as an excuse to kill them. We do not know how long that resurgence will last in today's ecological climate.

If they must have this "religious" experience, they should show reverence for their ancestors by using the traditional methods of capture available at the time of the treaty..

By the way, 5 tribes of American Indian flow in my veins, but I show reverence to my ancestors in ways that do not harm nature. E. Robinson, Kent, WA

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