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Dear Sir/Madam:

Whale hunting is part of the Makah religion, federal interference in whale hunting is as unAmerican in this case as it would be in the case of the free practice of religion by any other group of Americans.

In the context of the Makah culture this is not only unfair, and unreasonable, but amounts to religiously motivated tyranny.

The killing of 20 whales over a five year span will not harm the overall population levels. There is no practical reason why the Makah should not be able to resume hunting.

Federal interference in Makah hunting rights, and by extension their culture and religion is the wrong thing. Stop doing the wrong thing, and start doing the right thing. Honor the original treaty. Get off the Makah's backs.

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