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I fully support the Makah Indian tribes request for continued limited treaty-right hunting of eastern North Pacific gray whales (Eschrichtius robustus) and I believe the proposal submitted by the Makah Indian Tribe is the alternative action that should be selected by NOAA Fisheries Northwest Region for the following reasons:

1. The right of whaling at usual and accustomed grounds is a Makah tradition secured by the 1855 Treaty of Neah Bay.

2. Makah whaling dates back at least 1,500 years, well before the eastern North Pacific gray whale population was severely reduced by commercial whaling.

3. With international and national legal protections, the eastern North Pacific gray whale distinct population segment has now recovered.

Thank you,
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