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Hi,

I understand that you are soliciting comments about Makah whaling:

This may be an unpopular opinion, but I believe that modern Native Americans should have to live by the same rules as everyone else in the United States (I'm part Native American, although not Makah). To do otherwise merely "enables" them, in the bad sense of the word -- it's time that *all* native peoples figured out how to live in the real world, not in the world of yesterday.

And no, I'm *not* a whale lover either -- I really don't give a hoot one way or another about whales. If they went extinct I really wouldn't care (extinction is a natural part of evolution, and humans are a part of evolution too), unless it messed up some other significant thing that we humans need to survive.

But having special privileges for certain groups of people seems outdated and it doesn't really help them either.

Thank you for reading my comment.

Debrah

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