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Good morning:

I have been involved in the Makah whaling issue for over ten years. I have submitted comments on the previous Environmental Assessments re: Makah whaling, and, in fact, was a plaintiff in Anderson v. Evans. I fully intend to submit comments on this Draft EIS, as well. In short, my involvement with this issue is long-lived and substantial.

However, given the immense size and scope of the 2008 DEIS, I respectfully request that NOAA grant a 90-day extension for public comments. There simply is too much material involved to properly research and respond to such an enormous document in such a short amount of time. The current comment deadline does NOT give adequate time to reply with substantive comments, and in fact, would deprive the public of the chance to thoroughly review the document. Given the complexity of this issue, I can think of no logical reason why the public comment period should not be extended 90 days.

Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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