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NOAA Makah DEIS,

I a citizen concerned about the Makah request to legally hunt whales. I consider myself to be an environmentalist in favor of protecting whale populations.

However, I support a limited hunt if it would not pose a danger to the population and it does not become a commercial (as opposed to cultural, spiritual) operation by the Makah.

The Makah lived here for thousands of years before Europeans and others posed a threat to whale populations with technology. They were not the cause of threatened populations. I believe it is within the spirit, if not also the letter of their treaty rights to hunt whales as a way to maintain their cultural identity.

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