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Greetings: I just wanted to voice my opinion on the Makah Tribes' request for whaling permits.

If the Makah wants to whale because of Tribal tradition, because their forefathers did, I believe they should whale as their forefathers did - sans high powered rifles or technologically superior archery equipment - they should use the spears and bows/arrows of their forefathers as well. Then, tradition would be followed.

I don't believe they can have it both ways - 2008 technology in a "traditional hunt".

If they want to carry on Tribal traditions, as they do their dance, celebrations and customs, the whale hunt should be based on the original traditions as well.

I also believe they should be limited to one whale per season. It's my understanding that when they got their whale in 2003(?), a lot of it went to waste because no one wanted, or could use, the blubber and other parts of the whale.

One whale should be sufficient to teach the younger members of the Makah Tribe the traditions of their elders.

Thank you.

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