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To be succinct, no proposal permitting whale hunting is acceptable at this time. Permitting whale hunts will undercut the Marine Mammal Protection Act and our diplomatic position with regard to the Japanese factory whaling lightly disguised as "research".

That said, the Micah have an valid right under the 1855 treaty to engage in traditional whaling. The federal government should engage in negotiations with the Micah to compensate them for the loss of rights under the treaty. If no agreement is reached, then they must be held to the precise letter of the treaty, whaling with hand-thrown harpoons from unpowered wood boats. However, the international treaty obligations of the United States to the rest of the world ultimately trump the treaty with the Micah, and the Senate should take action to legally void it.