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Mr. Stone:

I wish to comment on the Makah Tribe hunt of gray whales.

While I respect tribal needs and understand this country has treated tribes shabbily and inhumanely and have much to be ashamed of an embarrassed, I do not believe in killing, and I do believe that marine life has been treated as disrespectfully and shabbily. The human use and disrespect for marine life and the shape the waters are currently in supports this.

Here there is a situation where the Makah Tribe is split down the middle; many tribal members oppose killing the whales. I support that faction of the Tribe.

I support NO killing of whales by this or any other Tribe or nation.

Human beings have ruined over 50% of the marine habitat; these whales and other marine life are now as polluted as "we the people." I question the judgement of the pro-whalers, why they would want to eat contaminated gray whale meat . It makes no sense. And NOAA's support of this hunt saddles a U.S. agency with agreeing to continued pollution and illness of these people.

Therefore, for the reasons of "take no life and do now harm," of disagreeing that humans rule over other life and therefore have the right to take those lives, and for not wanting to see contaminants spread from one species to another -- in this case whales to humans, I support a NO KILL policy.
This should be an option and, it indeed is, the most humane and intelligent one.

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