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Concerning the whale hunt that the Makah tribe is proposing.

This is crazy !! I have lived on the peninsula most of my 65 years, and have lived around and gone to school with the tribe members, they have no more right to hunt whales than I do. In fact with my European heritage, I probably have MORE rights to the whales, seeing that my ancestors were here long before the indians. Sounds nuts doesn't it ?? I am making the point that reviving an age old heritage is something few Makah's give a damn about, and the few that do, are driven by getting there name and pictures in the paper more than reviving history. It is a damn shame that a whale has to die in order to give bragging rights, at the tavern, (not wigwam) to a few that have nothing to contribute to there tribe or our community other than a dead whale that no one eats !! Guaranteed, if no newspaper covered the event, it would stop in a few months.

If all reason goes away in this endeavor, at LEAST make the hunt proceed as in the 1800's with hand made weapons and dug out canoes - not with 200 horse power out boards and 50 caliber rifles - If they are sincere in there endeavor to relive the hunts of there ancestors- make them do it in the manner of there ancestors - Guaranteed !! If this were to happen, there would be no further discussion of this matter.

Thank You,

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