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It is my opinion that killing whales for any reason should not occur.

I would like to remind everyone that the one whale that was killed in 1999 was not taken care of appropriately, was not respected by the majority of the Makah tribe, and most of it was left on the beach to rot under a tarp.

Does anyone else remember, in 1999, as it was butchered and served, how many of the tribe spit it out and complained about it's flavor and texture?

I would hope that both nations, the Makah and The United States of America have come a long ways together since 1855. We now have women's rights, slavery is outlawed, there are child labor laws, and it's time to quit hunting and killing the tame, gentle whales.

Thank you very much,

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