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Steve Stone, NOAA Fisheries Northwest Region, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232

Dear Mr. Stone,

I am writing to express my opinion that the Makah, under guidance from their elders, be allowed to resume limited hunting of eastern north Pacific gray whales in the coastal portion of the Tribe's usual and accustomed fishing grounds, off the coast of Washington State, for ceremonial and subsistence purposes.

Their traditions should be respected. It is not Indigenous ways that caused the problem. It is commercial whaling. Commercial whaling should be banned worldwide.

Sincerely,
Tracy Basile