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I am writing to voice my objection to allowing the Makah Indians hunt any more whales this year. They need to deal with the reality that we can not live in the past, but must address the future. My ancestors used to hunt and fish for special occasions, for subsistence and for trade. Because we are white, it is no longer possible. I would voice less objection, however, if they allowed only Indians that were 100% native instead of sometimes 1/9th, hunted whales as their ancestors did in wooden carved boats with oars and used harpoons, instead of guns. Now they use state-of-the-art boats and weapons that just does not make sense.

Lastly, they should wake up and realize that we are one nation, instead of thinking they can have the best of two worlds. Our planet is at a critical juncture where we have to unite and follow a course that is best for all species, not just humans, and our planet, earth.
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