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Before the white man came to this land the indians were hunting whales for subsistance purposes. they did not over hunt, they took only what they could use/eat.

Then the white man came and slaughtered the whales just like he slaughtered the buffalo. He used part of the whale only (oil), the rest he threw away.

The whale population was decimated, not by the indians, but by the whites. Now the whites act contrite and want to prevent anyone from hunting whales because of the white man's imprudence.

The law should prevent any whites from hunting whales, because whites are callous people, as history shows. But the indians had revered the whale and took only what they needed, and they should be allowed to hunt the whale as long as this is so.

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