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The world's whale populations continue to decline from various causes. It is no longer appropriate for the Makah nation to hunt whales merely as a continuation of tribal practices. Whales of all species are very long lived, and every one is now necessary to ensure adequate reproduction and sustainability of the species. The argument that the tribe needs this ritual whale hunting to maintain its tribal identity is not justified; there are much better ways for the tribe to do this that do not jeopardize the future of our whale populations. I strongly urge that whale hunting by the Makahs be prohibited.
Sincerely, Gretchen Lambert
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