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Makah hunt comment

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Subject: Makah Whaling Permit, Enviromental Impact Statement, Public Comment.
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Ms. Barclay

As there are only two places to hear and give public comment, Port Angles and Seattle and neither are close enough to attend , Here goes.

The Makah hunters broke Federal Law. The tribe did not do anything to take action against these individuals, and neither did the Government. They got a plea bargain. I bet that as a white Caucasian if I were to did some clams on a beach on tribal land , I would not be offered a plea bargain.

The rest of the world does not do any whaling, with the exception of Japan, and they do it under the umbrella of Research. The International community knows this and the International Whaling commission knows this , and they know that this action is not right, and yet Japan continues on. What a crock of crap.

The Makahs need to come into the twenty first century. The tribe will not use these whales. Not one of the tribe will forgo a Mc Burger or a Whopper for some tasty whale blubber. Thus we have a slaughter of a whale for no good reason, treaty or not. If the whale was the only thing to eat to stave off starvation, then yes go ahead and hunt one. But no one in that tribe is starving.

The actions of five individuals brought disgrace to the rest of the tribe. I my self know and fish along side a Makah. He buys his license and obeys the laws set forth by the Dept of fish and wildlife.He is welcome anywhere on the river. He himself does not agree with the actions of these individuals, nor the tribal council.

The tribe should not be given the permit to whale.

Respectfully

Ray Motichka

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